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THE WEATHER.

The stormy conditions which are now prevailing over New England will probably pass off during the night or Friday morning. Friday now promises to be fair, with partly cloudy skies, brisk westerly winds and somewhat colder temperatures in the afternoon and night. At this time the fair weather seems likely to continue Saturday.

ALMANAC, FRIDAY, DEC. 31.
Sun rises—7:14; sets, 422.
Moon sets—12:20 p. m.
Moon rises—12:20 p. m.
High water—5:15 a. m.; 5:45 p. m.

MRS. CLUNE DEAD

A Former Lowell Girl and Popular.

MISS AGNES L. DONOGHUE OF THE BUTLER SCHOOL.

Funeral Will Take Place at Springfield Saturday.

It is with profound sorrow that the many friends of Mrs. J. H. Clune of Springfield will hear of her untimely death which occurred at her home in Springfield, Mass., last night. Mrs. Clune was formerly a resident of this city and for ten years was a school teacher in the Butler and Edson schools and was considered one of the most popular teachers who ever taught in this city.

About two years ago, she married the postmaster of Springfield, Mr. J. H. Clune, and had a happy and pleasant home, with the brightest possible future before her. She was noted while a resident of this city for her many deeds of charity, having been associated with every worthy charitable movement in our city. She was a prominent member of the Lowell Catholic union in its flourishing days, having charge of the literary entertainments of that organization. She was also a member of the Boston Charitable society of Boston, and always managed with skill and energy the duties entrusted to her care. Within the last three months the grim visage of death has twice visited her family. She was hastily summoned three months ago to witness the death of her father and three weeks ago was again summoned to the funeral of her loving brother. She was in the best of health.

She will be better remembered by Lowell friends as Miss Agnes L. Donoghue of Royal street.

One week ago the heartbroken family was summoned to Springfield to find her dangerously ill and to their bitter dismay and grief her illness proved fatal.

She was of such a bright and happy disposition that to know her was to love her. Her loss must certainly fall heavily on her bereaved husband and family relatives. She leaves to mourn her loss a mother, two sisters and a brother. The funeral will take place at Springfield Saturday morning with a solemn high mass of requiem. Many of her Lowell friends will attend while others who cannot go will send tokens of their affection for the deceased.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

AT A COLERAINE MILL—FIREMAN BURNED.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—A one-hundred horse power boiler in No. 2 mill of the Griswoldville Manufacturing company at Griswoldville, town of Coleraine, exploded about 7.30 o'clock last night. The night watchman and fireman, Frederick Scheiffler, is missing and is supposed to be buried beneath the ruins. He was 45 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

The explosion was a terrific one and it practically demolished the one and one-half story building, 60x40 in area, used jointly as a boiler room, cotton shed for storage purposes blacksmith shop and machine room. The shock was felt a great distance.

OPERATIVE HURT.

Edward Waltham, residing at 125 Colburn street, fell in the Carpet mill today, and sprained his ankle. He was taken to the corporation hospital.

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20 Prescott Street

THE LAST STRAW THAT BREAKS THE CAMEL'S BACK.

MULE SPINNERS' MEETING

Want Conference With Cotton Mill Agents.

The Committee to Meet Agents Chosen—The Sentiment Divided Between Resistance and Submission to the Cut Down.

The crisis in the mill situation in this city will be probably be reached tomorrow night.

Last night the mule spinners held a special meeting at their hall in Middle street and it was the greatest and largest gathering in the history of the organization. The hall was too small to accommodate the operatives who wanted to take part in the proceedings.

Usually at meetings of the union, debate on important questions is confined to three of four members; last night there were thirty speakers. The principal speakers were Thomas F. Connelly and Michael H. Duggan.

From the start, some speakers intimated that the mill owners made an unnecessary move when they ordered the cut-down. The competition phase of the question was discussed and full consideration was given the question of wages, the hours of labor and the condition of the wage earners in the South.

Comparisons were made, contrasts drawn and incidental matters were discussed. Reference was made to the fact that at least one local mill agent pronounced that the cut-down is unnecessary.

Throughout the meeting the feeling ran high and the men were prepared to risk much to stand for their rights and fair compensation in return for honest labor. Some of the men wanted to go to extremes and resort to the most severe means to hold their own.

But some of the other speakers counselled conservatism, and advised the men to use every means possible to bring about an amicable settlement before resorting to a strike.

Said one spinner: "We do not know so much about the market, but we do understand the amount of money we bring home every week and when they cut us down ten per cent. we know that that means we lose one-tenth of our pay, which is now too small.

The final action of the meeting was that a committee should be appointed to confer with the mill agents, or a committee representing them. The operatives' committee will consist of eight members, one from each mill in the city, including the Lowell hosiery. This committee will be chosen by the respective mills at shop meetings to be held between now and Friday night. The union will meet again Friday night at which time the names of the members will be reported and the secretary of the union will be instructed to notify the mill agents that the operatives desire to confer with them.

The spinners say that the action of the Fall River operatives will be awaited here with much interest. The cut-down agitation struck there first and it is the centre of the cotton business. They have men there who are students of the question. The local operatives have watched the Fall River people and relied considerably on them.

The spinners decided to act cautiously and wait and see what the Fall River people do.

But the local operatives feel they are obliged to take some stand on the proposition to cut their wages. If the Fall River operatives vote to strike, it will not alter the fact that the Lowell operatives want a conference with their agents.

The above is practically the position of the Mule Spinners' union as given out by the press committee.

THE BOSTON OFFICES.

Referring to the probability of abolishing the Boston offices of the local manufacturing companies, the Boston Transcript has the following:

"Mr. E. C. Clark, treasurer of the Boott mills at Lowell, when asked whether he thought that there was any likelihood of the Lowell mills generally considering the advisability of giving up their Boston offices, replied that he did not see how it would be possible for them to do so. He thought that in the case of a small mill like the Appleton it might be possible to effect a material saving in this way, but with the larger mills, the item of the Boston office was so small a one as to cut little or no figure. On the other hand, with these large mills the advantage of having an office in Boston was a very material one. It was thus possible to keep in touch with the cotton market, getting quotations every day from all over the world, as well as being next door, as it were, to great cotton houses in this city.

"In the second place, the Boston office gave close communication with the commission houses and cotton buyers selling the products of the mill. In a small mill or one making print cloth or some such staple article, this did not make so much difference, but with a mill making a hundred and fifty different articles of goods, it was of great importance to be able to communicate quickly with the selling houses. The third reason for the continuance of the Boston office and not the least important one of the three was that by having it, the mill was kept in close touch with the financial center of New England, and this in a large mill conducting extensive operations was of the greatest importance.

FUNERALS.

BLODGETT—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Blodgett was held at 926 Gorham street at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. N. W. Mathews officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Smart, Thorning, Trask and McKenna and the singing was by Mrs. Wodcock, Mr. Darlington, Mrs. Witherhead and Mr Mathews.

GREAT AUCTION SALE.

Have you heard of the great auction sale that is to be inaugurated next Monday at Wood's mammoth jewelry store? Mr. Wood is a plunger When he goes into the market he buys very heavily and in past years he had a very extensive business during the holidays, but this year while his trade is by no means small, yet he finds that he has thousands of dollars' worth of goods that must be converted into cash. He proposes to raise ten thousand dollars at once and he has finally decided that he will let the public make the prices on these goods. You can get them at your own price whatever you choose to bid. Among the stock there are watches, clocks, lamps, umbrellas by the thousands, silver services, tea sets and a countless number of ornamental and useful articles. Do not fail to take advantage of this sale. For further particulars read their big advertisement in this paper.

First class job printing done at this office.

REPORT OF MINT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Denver, Co., Dec. 30.—The books of the United States branch mint for 1897 are closed. The deposits are the largest ever received. The entire output of Colorado was $22,000,000, which places Colorado far ahead of California The total output of the United States was nearly $70,000,000.

DURRANT'S PARENTS SUE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—The father and mother of Theodore Durrant, have brought suit for slander again Ex-Juror Smythe and demand $50,000. The suit grows out of remarks made by Smythe about Durrant whom he accused of being a moral monster.

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Brown Willow Calf, Hand Sewed, Regulation Rubber Sole—a really practical shoe for indoor and outdoor sport. Men's $3.50.

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Noiseless and easy elk soles, hand sewed seamless shoes, made on purpose for nurses. If you are interested we would like your approval with the seal. Price $2.00. All sizes.

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Opp. City Hall.

2 O'CLOCK

BACKED BY MONEY

Bunco Reed's Bail Now Amounts to $28,000.

AND MANY OTHER CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

A Fall River Thief Captured Here.

Bunco Reed is a valuable "cusa," no mistake for already he stands his backers, $25,000 in cold cash with the end of their outlay not in sight yet.

The money they have placed with up to date is as follows: Clinton, $400; Lowell, $7000; Framingham, $2000; Brockton, $1500; Gardner, $1000; total, $25,000.

Besides this Col. W. A. Giles of Worcester, counsel for Reed, made an offer of settlement to Martin Wood who was gold-bricked out of $100. Col. Giles offered to settle the case for half the amount, but the proposition was declined.

As fast as Reed has been bailed out an officer from some other town has taken him and there are yet a few towns for him to visit, it is said.

THE GARDNER CASE.

Gardner, Dec. 30.—The Gardner case against John Reed was called in the local court at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Herbert L. Parker of Worcester was present, and he stated that he had another case which he intended to press should Reed appear.

Attorney W. A. Guild of Worcester, Reed's counsel, telephoned Clerk Royce of the court during the forenoon asking that the first case here against Reed be continued until Saturday with default of bail. The court decided to continue the case until that day but with the understanding that should Reed appear Saturday his bail would be declared defaulted.

FALL RIVER THIEF CAPTURED.

Peter Corbett, alias Eldrick Corbett, aged 22 years, was arrested by Inspectors Lallamme and Allen yesterday on a warrant from Fall River charging him with the larceny of a gold watch chain, bicycle and $55 in money. The inspectors have been watching him for some time and they took him on Moody street yesterday.

He told them he had sold the wheel in one of the suburbs of Fall River. He was without money and had pawned the chain. The watch he had left in Little Canada where he had been stopping. Lately he has lived with his aunt on School street.

HOW THEY KNOCK.

LAWRENCE PAPER'S OPINION OF THAT CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Lawrence Sun contains the following article in regard to the strong activity of its police department:

As the end of the year draws near one of the newspapers announces that the police force have "swooped" down on a gambling den and arrested the participants in a game of cards. Anything of a startling nature is lacking from this announcement by the fact that the gamblers were Syrians. The police, of course, confiscated the "pot," amounting to $2.37. We hope we have the amount exact, as coppers figured largely in the game. We will not be in the least surprised if in a few days the police will "swoop" down upon a lot of Chinese playing fantan and capture a number of them red handed and scoop a pot worth enough to bring the amount of the two raids up to as high perhaps as $5!

Our police department, from the city marshal to the horse that drags the patrol wagon, is death on Syrian and Chinese gamblers. And this is only right. The trouble with the two above-named races is that they show a lack of assimilating properties so prominent in other nationalities that reach our shores. If they showed the proper American spirit of patronizing some of our hotels and getting full they might be perfectly safe, or if they wished to gamble and patronized some of the places on Essex street, they would not be molested. The public will not stand this "aloofness" on their part. Show that they are willing to become Americanized by such a promising symptom as beating their wives or indulging in bar-room encounters and their names will not figure among the police court offenders. Some might say that their offense was not so great as that of the Italian who shot the little girl or the fiend who committed the felonious assault on another little girl, and they would be right. A bad mistake. The murderer escaped, but the Syrians remain and so long as they refuse to accept the beneficial effects of American customs, the praiseworthy efforts to civilize them should continue.

CLASS REUNION.

The High school class of '97 held a reunion in High school hall last night. Harold Caverly presided over the exercises and Supt. Whitcomb delivered an address.

A short speech was made by Dexter Joseph Wright, a member of the class of '98. Guides H. Ferrin then introduced Captain Kidd of the High school regiment. During a short intermission music was furnished by Helen Sawtelle and Ethel Livingston. It was then voted to send a resolution of sympathy to the parents of the late George Gardner. Messrs. Ferrin and Wright gave some fine music on the piano. It was voted to raise funds for the purchase of a picture to be given to the school. Mr. Qua addressed the assembly on his experiences at college.

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MEN'S heavy black all-wool Cheviot Suits, exploited by others as worth seven dollars. Our price $3.75. Just about what they're worth.

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No 166 CENTRAL STREET.

POLICE COURT

Three drunks.

John Roberts received six months at the state farm, as did Peter Barsoneller, a vagrant.

Henry Manseau, charged with larceny, was continued in $200 until January 1.

The case of 19-year-old Minnie Whitney, alias Minnie Northwood, charged with larceny of small articles from a Mrs. Dickey, with whom she roomed, took up the greater part of the morning session.

Thomas Fay was in on complaint of Agent Richardson for alleged cruelty to a horse.

OFFICER DENNETT ON GUARD.

Officers Dennett and Tilton will take care of the crowds who will visit McCarron's tea stores this week. A nickel plated tea kettle worth $1.50 will be given away as a New Year's gift to all customers this week. Sale will commence Thursday morning and will continue until 11 o'clock Saturday night. James H. McCarron, opposite Post Office and corner of Broadway and Willis street.

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CITY COMMITTEE

Will be Elected by Democrats Tonight.

THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PLACES.

Caucuses Will be Held in Every Ward.

Tonight the democratic city committee for the year 1898 will be elected.

Caucuses will be held in every ward inLowell and the Australian ballot will be used. All democrats desirous of seeking membership on the committee were notified to present their names to the city committee not later than 9 o'clock last Tuesday evening. There are 81 members on the city committee, equally apportioned among the wards, each ward having nine representatives. The caucuses will be held in the same place as were the mayoralty primaries. They will be called to order at 8 o'clock by the chairman of the ward committee, and the voters will select their own caucus officers. There does not seem to be any great contest for places onthe committee.

Of the present city committee, thirty-one members are candidates for re-election.

In Wards One, Three, Five, Six, and Nine, it is evident that there will be no contests, for there are only nine candidates in each of these wards. Ward Four has the greatest number of candidates—fifteen; Ward Two has eleven; Ward Seven, eleven; and Ward Eight, ten.

Chairman Hennessy is not a candidate for re-election to the committee, but the names of the other officers of the city committee—vice president, John H. Riordan; secretary, Thomas H. Muldoon; and treasurer James F. Owens, will appear on the ballots tonight.

Joseph F. Dawson is the only member of the present Ward One delegation who will seek a re-election.

In Ward Two, William A. Hogan, executive, and Peter H. Savage, who were always good party workers, have decided to give up their places.

Others who have been prominent members of the committee, and who will not seek re-election are: Hon. Fisher H. Pearson, Henry S. Courtney, Esq., Hon. John E. Drury, James H. Carmichael, Daniel J. Donohue, Esq., Joseph Clark, Michael Bruin, Bernard J. Callahan.

The complete list of candidates, as submitted by the secretary of the city committee, is as follows:

Ward One—Hugh J. Murphy, Edward F. Cooney, John F. Maguire, Hugh Williams, Patrick H. Rogers, John G. Gordon, John Cavigg, Joseph F. Dawson, William Forbes.

Ward Two—Thomas H. Muldoon, James F. McCarthy, John Pendergast, Michael F. O'Brien, Henry P. Doherty, Cornelius A. Daly, John J. McCarthy, Patrick A. Lyons, Owen Callahan, William Hunt, James Manning.

Ward Three—Thomas D. O'Connell, Philip McNulty, Jeremiah F. Murphy, Frank W. Reeves, Adelard Bernard, John J. Burns, Peter F. Brady, Bernard A. Connor, John J. Walsh.

Ward Four—Andrew Haley, John J. Duff, Timothy F. Donohue, Joseph H. Gormley, John J. McQuade, Patrick F. Brady, Edward F. Flanagan, Robert F. Hurley, Ralph A. Cullinan, John A. Cately, John J. Higgins, James Gorman, Thomas A. Green, John E. Coulon John E. Maguire.

Ward Five—James McCarrón, Dennis A. Donohoe, William F. Hunt, Martin J. Crowe, Dennis J. Murphy, John J. O'Connor, Edward Gahagan, John P. O'Hare, Charles Slattery.

Ward Six—Charles E. Clark, Thomas H. Morris, Edward Purcell, Richard Taff, John T. Donohue, William E. Cook, John H. Nolan, Henry F. Rogers, John D. Whitney.

Ward Seven—Philip Desmarais, Robert V. Saunders, Arthur A. Racicot, Andrew E. Barrett, John Welch, Joseph E. Venne, James A. Lavery, Edward J. Carroll, Roderick O. Blake, Cornelius Donovan, Daniel Looney.

Ward Eight—Oliver A. Libby, Eugene A. Shea, John Ryan, John L. Boyle, John H. McMahon, Philip P. Conners, James H. Gray, Thomas A. Fox, Timothy V. Wholey, James F. Owens.

Ward Nine—Thomas E. O'Day, John F. Connolly, Malachi Burns, George F. Lynch, Daniel P. O'Neil, Frank J. Simonds, Anthony A. Conway, John C. King, John H. Riordan.

MILL SITUATION.

THE FALL RIVER GLOBE ENDORSES THE SUN'S DIAGNOSIS.

We think our contemporary, the Lowell Sun, in the following paragraph comes much nearer diagnosing the real difficulty accurately than the Manufacturers' association or the Arkwright club, says the Fall River Globe.

"The mill treasurers have decided upon a cut-down of wages in the Lowell mills. Another triumph of McKinley prosperity. It is all on account of Southern competition, we are told by the republican press, but why are the other factories of the city in a depressed condition? Why is the Lowell Machine shop on short time? Is it Southern competition that is injuring it? Is it Southern competition that is injuring the Carpet mill and causing it to run but four days a week. The real cause of the overstocking of the cotton mills is the impoverishment of the masses throughout the country. So beneficent has been this McKinley prosperity that the people have not the money to buy what they need and so the cotton mills are suffering in consequence."

MT. VERNON CHURCH.

RESIGNATION OF REV. O. H. DENNEY CONSIDERED.

The deacons of the Mt. Vernon church met with the standing committee last night to act on the matter of requesting Rev. Mr. Denney's resignation. It is understood that the standing committee is solid in its support of Mr. Denney, while the deacons are perhaps evenly divided, although some are neutral and ready to consent to anything that will make peace. No meeting of the church was appointed and no vote taken.

BOXING GOSSIP.

Tommy Kearns is looking for matches with some of the best 133-pound men in the country. Bob Allen says he will meet him if any club will offer a purse.

It is said that the boxing game has received a set back in Hartford and that no licenses will be issued for contests in that town in the future.

Eddy Curry, who has been doing great work in the ring lately, has been matched to box twenty rounds with Luke Stevens at Buffalo, N. Y., some time in January.

Charley Kelly, who has been in poor health for the past year, has recovered something like his old form and has signed articles to box ten rounds with Eddy Mack at Waterbury on January 20.

Griffo announces that he will return to Australia unless he soon gets a match.

Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey are having a pretty fight over the selection of a referee for their coming contest at San Francisco. George Siler has been suggested and it is probable that he will be agreed upon, although Sharkey is said to be opposed to anybody not of his own naming.

Jimmy Patterson, who was one of the men who found the stakes for Paddy Ryan when the Trojan fought Sullivan, died in New York last Sunday of pneumonia. Mr. Patterson, who was 45 years old at the time of his death, was the owner of the first American-bred bull dog to win a prize at Madison Square Garden. His dog Ben won the first prize offered by the Westminster Kennel club in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1886, and Bill, a son of Ben, captured prizes in 1884, 1885, and 1886. Mr. Patterson was also known as a breeder of gamecocks and homing pigeons.

Tom O'Rourke and Arthur Lumley are said to be interested in the reorganized Coney Island A. C., which will be re-opened next month. It is the intention of the promoters to hold glove contests on as great as scale as during the Kane regime. The first attraction, it is expected, will be a twenty-round contest between Kid McCoy and Joe Choynski, if the men will agree on the question of weight.

Mickey Peach, the crack Australian featherweight, has been sent for by a San Francisco club. Peach recently beat Tim Heggarty, the acknowledged featherweight champion of Australia, in less than four rounds. Peach has a good record in limited round contests, but it is a question whether he would be any more successful here than his fellow countryman, Jimmy Anthony, who has never become acclimated.

The death of John Donaldson of Cleveland came as a shock to the American sporting fraternity. It is but a week or so since he issued a challenge to box any 45-year-old man in the world. Donaldson became famous back in the early eighties for his fight with Sullivan and was at one time sparring partner of Jim Corbett.

BOXING IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Judge Woodward yesterday handed down his decision in the test case instituted by the Methodist Ministers' association against prize fighters who were to participate in a contest before the Live Stock Exchange Athletic club at East Buffalo.

He decided that the club was not entitled under the Horton law to charge an admission fee, but he did not consider the occupancy of a portion of the Live Stock Exchange building a violation of the law. He held the fighters under a bond of $100 each not to violate the law for the year. Counsel for the fighters will appeal from his ruling on the admission fee.

Martin Flaherty proposes to visit England and take a chance with some of the cracks of his class over there, writes George Twohey in the Boston Post. There are any number of 126-pound men in England who would be glad to take on Flaherty, among them Ernie Stanton, Ben Jordan, Fred Johnson, Dave Wallace, and Billy Brerley. Martin would have a hard row to hoe, owing to the strictness of the rulings of the referees, and it is a question whether he would be successful against any of the men named. He is a rough boxer, the kind an American audience likes to see perform, but as that sort of boxing is unpopular on the other side, the American would, in all probability, get the worst of the judging. There are any number of good men in this country for Flaherty to operate upon, and in the end he would find that there is more money here than across the water.

WAS IT INSANE EAR

THIS IS THE CLAIM IN THE CASE OF SCALDED INSANE MAN.

Judge Fairbanks began an investigation Tuesday into the recent death of W. G. Spearing, the patient at the Medfield Insane Asylum, who is alleged to have been scalded to death in a bath tub.

Mrs. Spearing, the widow, was represented by Attorney Greenhood. The hearing was private.

Daniel Gordon, a Lowell undertaker, who prepared the insane man's body for burial, testified that the left ear was swollen and that there was a scar some inches long below it. Mr. Gordon could not tell, however, whether the scar was due to a burn. The face was so scarred that it could not be shaved.

Judge Fairbanks says the swollen ear is quite common among insane patients, and is sometimes called the "insane ear." At the Medfield asylum he had seen patients whose skins are anesthetic, or insensible to touch, and it is thought this might have been the case with Spearing. It is claimed that if such was the case, a red hot iron might have been applied to his flesh without causing him pain, and that much less would he have been likely to feel the effects of the hot water in the bath tub, whose temperature was about 150 degrees.

The hearing will be continued next week at Medford on some day to be determined later.

F. Comer Hill, the attendant at the asylum, against whom negligence has been charged in permitting Spearing to remain in the hot bath, was not present at the hearing and is said to be missing from Medfield. Little is known of his movements since he was discharged from the asylum.

The decision of Judge Fairbanks will be rendered to the grand jury at Dedham.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Garfield Colony of Pilgrim Fathers elected the folowing officers Tuesday: Governor, James Aspinwall; lieutenant, governor, Mary F. Winslow; secretary Frances H. Estabrook; treasurer Edwin A. Howe; collector, Franklin T. Wilson, chaplain, Louise H. Estabrook; sergeant-at-arms, Edwin W. Sleeper; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Dora E. Mitchell; sentinel of inner gate, Anna A. Howe; sentinel of outer gate, Catherine Mitchell; trustees, H. N. Hartford, W. A. Severance, James Aspinall; representatives to supreme colony, Willis H. Bean, Warren H. Mahoney.

Following is a list of officers elected by Samuel H. Hines lodge, K. of P., at its last meeting:

C. C., Thos. Sutherland; V. C., Joseph Kerr; P., Walter Bleakeley; M. of W., Elmer Shaw; K. of P. and S., A. F. Choate; M. of F., F. B. Andrews; M. of E., John Tighe; M. at A., Edward Young; trustee for three years, Joseph Stiles; representative to grand lodge for two years, A. E. Joy.

Chelmsford lodge, No. 218, I.O.O.F. elected the following officers last night: N. G., Albert H. Davis; P. G., David B. George; secretary William E. Lapham; treasurer, Eben T. Adams; trustee for three years, Walter R. Whiting.

Lexington council, O.U.A.M., held its semi-annual elections last night and the officers chosen were: Councillor, Calvin L. Joy; vice councillor, C. A. Harvey; recording secretary, Amasa S. Maynard; assistant secretary, Percy Davis; financial secretary, Guy O. Huntoon; treasurer, E. L. Brown; inside protector, Oliver J. Davis; outside protector, Wm. H. Dane; inductor, Frank H. Harris; examiner, Ezra J. Thurber; trustees, F. L. Balcom, William H. Dane, Horace V. Kittredge.

Puritan chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual election last night with the following result: Worthy matron, Mrs. R. T. Jockow; worthy patron, Charles H. Cutter; associate matron, Mrs. E. G. Williams; conductress, Mary E. Offut; associate conductress, Jennie M. Bean; treasurer, Harriet F. Shirley; secretary, John F. Williams; trustee for one year, E. S. Bickford; trustee for two years, Martha E. Dunklee; trustee for three years, Elizabeth Cox. A public installation will be held the fourth Friday in January at Odd Fellows' Temple. A supper followed and the committee in charge were Mrs. R. T. Jockow, Mrs. E. J. Williams and Charles S. Cutter.

Mechanics' lodge, I.O.O.F., elected officers last night for six months as folosw: Noble grand, Percy A. Smith; vice grand, Burton W. Plaisted; secretary, F. B. Wright; treasurer, Daniel A. McFadyen; financial secretary, Mitchell A. True; marshal, Horace B. Kittredge; trustee for three years, Arthur H. Slater; committee on supper, Arthur H. Slater, Percy A. Smith, B. W. Plaisted.

Court Columbus, Foresters of America, elected officers last night as follows: Chief ranger, John Moynahan; subchief ranger, James Madden; treasurer, A. McFadyen; financial secretary, Dennis Healey; recording secretary, Edward L. Manley; senior woodward, Stephen D. Breen; senior beadle, Patrick Conroy; junior beadle, Robert McLoughlin; trustee, M. J. Lennon; physician, James Edward Leary. The ball committee consists of Messrs. John Moynahan, James Madden, William J. Goldrick, Dennis Healey, Stephen D. Breen, Joseph Laflamme.

PLAYED WHIST.

A delightful whist party was given last evening by Miss Anna Coughlin at her home, 55 Grove street, in honor of her guest, Miss Pearl Dow of Canaan, N. H., who is spending the Christmas holidays here and renewing old acquaintances.

There were twenty young people present and whist was enjoyed until 10 o'clock, when the prizes were accorded to the best players, lady and gentleman. The ladies' prize went to Miss Dow and Mr. Walter Edgell carried off the honors for the gentlemen.

After supper games and music was in order and several delightful selections were rendered by different members of the party. At 12 o'clock, all departed for home after having spent a most delightful evening.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Last evening a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher assembled at their home on Stevens street. The principal feature of the evening was progressive whist. There was some very expert playing and the scores ran high. During the evening Mrs. Gallagher invited the party to assemble in the dining room where a dainty spread was enjoyed by all present. The friends did not depart for their homes until after midnight, all wishing their host and hostess a happy new year.

When a man falls out of a ten-story window you'd naturally say he is a dead man. Well, perhaps he is and then again, perhaps not. Something may save him. There may be a friendly awning that will let him down easy, so he may be sound and well to-morrow. You never know what may save a man who seems to be as good as dead.

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HON. WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, who yesterday observed his 88th birthday.

GLADSTONE'S 88TH BIRTHDAY.

THE GRAND OLD MAN CONGRATULATED AT CANNES, FRANCE.

Yesterday was the 88th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. The liberal organizations and his friends and admirers generally showered congratulations upon the old statesman, who is spending the winter at Cannes, in the south of France. He will return in the middle of February. He has been in public life for nearly 65 years, having been elected a member of parliament when he was only 24. He and Lord Beaconsfield were political rivals for more than 40 years.

Seventeen years ago, Gladstone was reported to be dying, but is yet hale and hearty. One of the most remarkable things about this wonderful man has been his family life, which has been most delightful. He and Mrs. Gladstone have gone to the same church for 60 years every morning for an hour of prayer after breakfast. Their seven children are not particularly clever, but are all good. There is only one grandchild, Dorothy Drew, who is her grandfather's idol.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The committee on claims held another meeting last night and considered Michael Maguire's petition for his pay as an employe of the city stables during three months that he worked after Supt. Fowler had ordered his discharge.

The committee voted to give the petitioner leave to withdraw. Mr. Maguire is a man in comfortable circumstances.

A CATHOLIC PROTEST.

Protestants, as well as Roman Catholics, can appreciate and acknowledge the force and truth of the following letter, written by the premier duke of Great Britain to the Rev. Canon Gordon of Sheffield, in response to a request that he would take part in a meeting to answer the charges brought against Roman Catholics by lecturers styling themselves "ex-priests" and the like:

Norfolk House, St. James' Square, S. W., Dec. 11, 1897.

My Dear Canon Gordon—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter telling me that the Catholics in Sheffield propose to hold a meeting to protest against the calumnies against our priests and nuns which have been put forth in lectures delivered lately in Sheffield. You say also that a wish has been expressed that I should take part in this meeting. I hope I am not presuming on the forbearance of my fellow-Catholics in Sheffield when I venture to express the hope that such meetings may not be held. I gather that these lectures were of the filthy kind usually delivered on such occasions, and that, as usual, some persons were found with appetites for the ill-flavored food put before them. I am sure no one will think that I do not share as keenly as any one the indignation and disgust which exhibitions of this kind must arouse in us. But I must protest against our suggesting to our fellow citizens in Sheffield that we think they can believe such things of us, and on such authority. It is because I thank God with my whole heart that in His mercy I am a Catholic; because I glory in belonging to the old faith; because I love and reverence our priesthood as I do, that I decline to be driven to buy by accusations which no decent man would listen to, no generous man believe. Thank God, two of my sisters are nuns. Thank God, one of my wife's last acts in this life was to found a convent. Am I wrong in thinking that Sheffield would be ashamed that I should have to defend their fair fame before my fellow citizens? I cannot but think that on reflection every one will feel that the attack upon us is not worthy of such a demonstration as is proposed, and I trust the idea of it will be given up. If for reasons I do not know of, it is thought wel to hold it, I hope what I now write will make my absence from it understood. Let us, as Catholics of Sheffield, draw closer together; let us put aside all personal aims and factional interests and we shall hush the voice of calumny, and promote the cause of God's truth among our fellow citizens, for whose highest and most lasting welfare we would humbly wish to labor.

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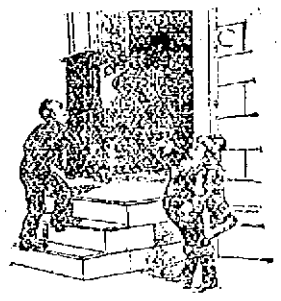

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AT GRACE CHURCH.

LECTURE BY MR. NICHOLS ON THE SLUMS OF NEW YORK.

Mr. John A. Nichols, the well known temperance lecturer, delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Slums of New York," at Grace church last evening and over 100 views illustrating his talk were thrown upon the screen. Taking his audience into the dark alleys of greater New York, where humanity is packed together, he presented vividly a picture of poverty and life's battle. Among the views shown were: Statue of Liberty, Battery Park, Newspaper Square, Brooklyn bridge, portrait of Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, Trinity church, Chatham Square, the Bowery, interior of lodging house on the Bowery, Cooper Institute, Five Points, Baxter street, Cherry street, Ludlow street jail, where Boss Tweed spent his last days, Central Park, Jerry McAuley's mission and many others. The lecture was very warmly applauded.

THE INAUGURAL.

ALDERMANIC CHAMBER WILL BE PRETTILY DECORATED.

Mayor-Elect Bennett's inauguration next Monday will be attended by a large gathering. The oath of office will be administered by Judge Hadley and Rev. J. M. Greene, D. D., will offer prayer. The aldermanic chamber will be prettily decorated.

MUSIC HALL.

"THE TORNADO."

"The Tornado," has cleared the way of every doubt as to the success of Lincoln J. Carter's second production of scenic melodrama. "The Fast Mail" was his first effort, and before its presentation, wise heads scoffed at the things Mr. Carter said he could present to make it a novelty but he did all he said he would, and made a fortune beside. His announcements for "The Tornado" were equally surprising, but the fourteen newspapers of Chicago, where he chose to launch his new work, were a unit in pronouncing it as the perfection of melodramatic work, the superior of every scenic melodrama before the public. The energetic young author and artist was called before the curtain after the first act, and had to speak his gratitude for the grand acceptance of his new work by the audience. Manager Boothy of Music Hall has secured this famous play for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

"CITY SPORTS."

Flynn & Sheridan's New City Sports' Big Show will be seen at Music Hall for three nights, commencing this evening, introducing a new idea and presenting 25 of the best artists and novelties ever before presented. Among the many features that will be seen is the grand opening extravaganza, in which Chrissie Sheridan will assume the title role and introduces the theory that vaudeville light opera, when properly introduced and presented correctly blended with high class specialty acts, still remains a powerful factor in the amusement world.

FUNERALS.

DEGNAN—The funeral of the late Margaret Degnan occurred yesterday morning from the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O.M.I., celebrating the requiem mass. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas J. Wallace, James E. Collins, E. H. Clifford, Frank Kelly, Fred Pevey, and Joseph Pevey. Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O.M.I., officiated at the grave in the Catholic cemetery and the interment was in charge of James F. O'Donnell.

The funeral of Robert McManus took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Patrick McManus, 34 West Third street. The bearers were Messrs. James McCluskey, Edward Cox, Patrick McNeeley, Patrick Sullivan, Patrick Cassidy, and John Maguire. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

DEATHS.

NAY—Bridget Nay, aged 61 years, died this morning at her home, 8 Bratton avenue.

QUINN—The remains of Thomas G. Quinn, who died in Boston yesterday, arrived in this city this afternoon and were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

YOUNG—Cyrena A. Young, aged 55 years, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Coggeshall, 26 Nichols street. She was the wife of Stephen L. Young and besides her husband leaves three sons, William, the well known tonsorial artist, Eugene and Freeman, and one daughter, Mrs. Coggeshall.

BUDGEFORD—Isabella M. Budgeford, aged 35 years, died today at her home in North Chelmsford. She was the wife of William Budgeford.

John Wanamaker wishes it understood that his best loved daughter is not to marry Mahomet Ali, a near relative and probable successor to the Khedive of Egypt. And yet John might well think twice before refusing his blessing upon such a union. To be appointed haberdasher to his royal highness of Egypt is no slouch of a place for any man to have dangled before his eyes.—Haverhill Gazette.

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Transportation, next to food supply, is the most serious problem of civilization. That is why there is such a vast number of inventions recorded at the patent office for the purpose of carrying people and things.

Particularly for the use and benefit of the evangelical missionary is a newly invented railway car. When on the road, it looks like an ordinary Pullman, but when desired it expands into a church and furnishes shelter and housing for a congregation of worshipers. So complete is this traveling sacerdotal edifice indeed that it actually has a steeple, which is hoisted up and clapped upon the top of it as the finishing touch.

The inventor of this cathedral on wheels is Albert Bierstadt, the distinguished painter of New York. His idea sprang originally from a recognition of the difficulties which must be encountered by peripatetic preachers who find themselves so frequently in places where there is no church.

The car is as useful for transportation as any parlor Pullman. When it reaches a place where its services in its sacred capacity are required, it is run off upon a side track. But just here it must be explained that cars of this kind are designed to travel in couples, each of them making one-half of the church. The side walls are swung outward, and the whole affair unfolds, the two halves being joined together. In order to accomplish this the two cars are run upon tracks side by side. If the tracks are not convenient, half a dozen rails temporarily laid will do.

The steeple, which is collapsible, is telescoped out before placing it upon the summit of the edifice. Then, the building being complete—its construction does not take more than half an hour—it only remains to unfold a lot of settees for use as improvised pews by the congregation, and all is ready for the church service. The folding pulpit, with baptismal fonts combined, is a mere detail, though important for saving space. In conclusion it ought to be stated that the church is really convertible into a lecture hall or a gallery for the exhibition of pictures.—Boston Transcript.

INDIAN AND BICYCLE.

"White Man Lazy; Likes to Sit Down and Walk," He Said.

Wah-Si-Errie, Juan, He-Le-Ase, Maliana Antone, Selago Antone, Eh-Le-Ha, Spirof, Calie Yoppa and Juan Kestoa are the names of a party of tourists who visited Colorado Springs recently. It is very doubtful whether any party of tourists ever viewed the wonderful sights on the streets of Colorado Springs with more interest than did this one. They are Pima and Papago Indians en route from the Pima agency, near Sacaton, A. T., to the government Indian school at Grand Junction.

Among the number there were seven boys and two girls. They ranged in age from 11 to 18 years. It was the first time any of them had ever seen a city. Professor T. G. Lemmon, representing the school at Grand Junction, was in charge of the party, and when he went to the Midland office to arrange for transportation west he took his band along. They viewed everything with the keenest interest. Most of them had in the course of their roamings over the Pima reservation seen a locomotive and train of cars, but the trolley car got the better of them. He-Le-Ase, a venturesome youth, signified his willingness to ride on it, but the others of the number thought themselves safer on foot, and the trip to the railroad office was made in that manner. They were very much interested in the bicycle, but when a Gazette reporter offered to let He-Le-Ase mount his wheel at the depot the redskin shrank back and refused. He said through an interpreter that the white man in this town was lazy because he liked to sit down and walk.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

HOW THEY ESCAPED.

Novel Contrivance of Two Prisoners to Gain Their Liberty.

James Turner and Charles Holt, two of the best known criminals in Boone county, Mo., escaped from the jail at Columbia, Mo., a few nights ago in a manner that would have done credit to Jack Sheppard.

They were confined in the same cell. One side of the cell is the police office. The cell has no roof, and a partition separates it from the office. In front of the cell runs the jail corridor. The city marshal, Emmitt Clinkscales, had recently returned from a fishing expedition and left his fishing pole in the corridor. After locking up the prisoners at midnight he placed the keys on a table in the police office and went home, leaving the jailbirds alone.

One of the prisoners reached through the bars of his cell and secured the fishing pole. Then he tore a blanket into strips and made a line. He then tore the wire handle from a water bucket in his cell and made a hook. Standing on the shoulders of his companion, one of the men reached over the partition between the cell and the police office and with the improvised hook at the end of the line attached to the pole pulled open the drawer of the table containing the keys. The keys were drawn out of the drawer by means of the hook and the prisoners escaped.—Kansas City Times.

Rattle at the Smithy Drew the Crowd.

The "Country Merchant" was played to a fair house at Lowe's Opera House, Groveton, N. H., recently, but at the end of the fourth act Will Astle and lady left the hall, followed by all the rest of the house. Just why this was nobody knows, but it is supposed that people thought a raffle was in progress at the blacksmith shop, and they had rather see Will shake them to see the last act of the drama.—Berlin (N. H.) Independent.

Matrimonial Rapid Transit.

John Ellingwood of Alexandria, Ind., was granted a divorce at 9 o'clock a few mornings ago, and at 9:10 o'clock he had secured a marriage license and at 9:15 o'clock was wedded to Miss Louise Smith of Anderson, Ind.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

WITHOUT A PEER—WORKS MIRACLES.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is without a peer. This great remedy relieves instantly the most aggravated and distressing forms of heart disease. It is the surest and quickest acting formula for heart trouble known to medical science, and thousands of times has the hand of the grim destroyer been stayed by its use. If there is Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Pains in Left Side, Smothering Sensations, don't delay or you may be counted in the list of those who have gone over to the great majority because the best remedy in the world today was not promptly used.—17.

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FRENCH TROOPS

They Have Occupied Odienne and Sambatigila.

ADVANCE AGAINST CHIEF SAMORY IS IMMINENT.

He Once Massacred French Troops.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French have occupied Odienne and Sambatigila and an advance against Chief Samory is imminent. Chief Samory is the West African chieftain who for twelve years has been the most dangerous antagonist Europeans ever had to deal with. He once massacred the French troops. The French will now pay him in his own coin.

AN ABSURD IDEA

American Trades Unions to Engage in Politics.

A BRITISH DELEGATE EXPRESSES HIS OPINION.

Can Make Politicians Defer to Them.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 29.—Edward Harford, one of the delegation from the British trade unions to the Nashville convention of the American Federation of Labor, sailed this morning for England. He said the policy of the American trades union in not engaging in politics is absurd. They cannot expect reforms if they stand aloof from politics. The workers are in the majority everywhere and can make politicians defer to them if they are determined.

A WORLD'S RECORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 29.—W. F. Hattley, shortstop billiard player, made a world's record last night in a cushion carom game. He made a run of 176. The highest previous run is 86, made by Ives.

NEW CABINET OFFICE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The California Miners' association is preparing a resolution in favor of the creation of a cabinet office of secretary of mines and mining in the President's cabinet.

COMMISSIONER HANDY ILL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 29.—Moses P. Handy, special commissioner to the Paris Exposition, is seriously ill at a winter resort here. He is confined to his room, and there are no signs of improvement.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Figaro this morning says that Minister of Foreign Affairs M. Hanotaux will convene an international conference without delay for the neutralization of the Newfoundland banks during the fishing season.

GLADSTONE CONGRATULATED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 29.—This being the 88th birthday of Right Honorable Wm. E. Gladstone, thousands of congratulations are pouring in. He is still suffering with neuralgia.

NO FAITH IN BANKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Milan, Mich., Dec. 29—Lawrence Walters, an aged farmer, had no faith in banks and placed his savings, $3,000 in greenbacks and $4,000 in government bonds in a tin pan and buried it beneath the floor of his house. Robbers secured it last night. The old man is crazy over the loss.

SPLIT IN TWAIN

The Mt. Vernon Church Trouble Again.

THE PASTOR IS ASKED TO RESIGN.

But His Friends Ask Him to Remain.

The annual meeting of the Mt. Vernon Free Baptist church was held last night.

G. W. Knowlton and W. O. Coram were continued, as were also L. S. Abbott and M. S. Amy, as deacons for unexpired terms. W. H. Kimball and H. R. Nixon were then elected as deacons. Other officers were elected as follows: Clerk, W. H. Kimball; treasurer, W. O. Coram; standing committee, E. A. Thissell, Miss Etta Peirce, and Mrs. L. S. Abbott. The pastor, clerk and deacons are also members ex-officio of the standing committee. Ushers were elected as follows: A. L. Abbott, E. A. Thissell, M. S. Amy, G. D. Farley, J. V. Pepin, F. J. Williams, W. T. Griffin, C. T. Mason, C. H. Cogswell, Murray Pratt, W. P. Chandler, F. W. Stevens, George J. York, George W. Coram, William Grew, George A. Watt; mission committee, Miss Etta Peirce, Mrs. Susie Colburn, Mrs. Frankie Huse, Mrs. Lizzie Garvey.

A motion was made requesting the resignation of Rev. O. H. Denney and it was referred to the deacons of the church and the standing committee.

BLANCO'S ORDERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 29.—Captain-General Blanco has issued a decree announcing lines on which the home rule government is established. The Governor-General and executive assume charge of foreign affairs, and of war and the navy, and with five autonomical secretaries, together with the president of this country, constitute the responsible government. The new officials will take office January 1.

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ARCHER ON TRIAL.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

London, Dec. 29.—Richard Arthur or "Mad Archer," who stabbed Actor William Terriss was formally committed for trial today.

REED AGAIN ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 29.—John Reed, the bunco man, now out on bail after arrests for swindling in Lowell, Clinton, and Cambridge, was admitted to bail in $4500 here this morning on a similar charge. He was immediately re-arrested by a Gardiner officer and brought here.

THOMAS QUINN.

THE YOUNG MAN FOUND FROZEN IN BOSTON.

Thomas Quinn, the young man who was found almost frozen to death in Boston and who is now in a state of coma in the hospital there, is well known here in Lowell. He is the son of the late Captain John H. E. Quinn.

Quinn was at one time considered to be among the cleverest of club swingers. He was a mattress maker and worked for Hapgood before he went to Boston. Edward F. Slattery is his uncle.

RUNAWAY AND COLLISION.

A horse attached to a light buggy, the property of Mr. Richardson, the real estate agent, started to run away on Central street, opposite Middle, this afternoon. It collided with a team belonging to Mr. Bruce, turning it completely over. Both horses were caught before any serious damage was done. A large crowd gathered at the scene.

DEATHS.

BRENNAN—Rose Ann Brennan aged 35 years, died this morning at her home 48 Park street. She leaves a husband, Patrick, four children, and two brothers, Philip and Thomas McManus.

McMANUS—Robert McManus, aged 26 years, died Monday in Providence, R. I. The remains arrived in this city yesterday and the funeral took place from the home of his brother, Patrick McManus, 34 West Third street, this afternoon and burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

DODD—Mary Dodd, aged 61 years, died yesterday at the City hospital.

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NEW SNOW MACHINE.

Scoops Up the Flakes In Vast Quantities and Then Melts Them.

A novelty in snow clearing machines is to be tried in New York. If the machine does all that its inventor claims, snow blocked streets will be a rarity this winter. The new machine consists of an elongated wagon, which is fitted on the front end with a big scoop, whose purpose it is to take up the snow as the machine is drawn through the streets. This scoop is capable of shoveling up the snow in vast quantities and is automatically designed to throw the snow back to the body of the wagon, where the inventor's really fine work comes into operation.

When the snow is thrown back, it is received into an inclined receptacle heated like the furnace in which the three Hebrew children went through their fiery ordeal. The fire that enables the machine to give the snow such a hot reception is derived from a number of pots ranged along beneath the interior of the wagon and kept in businesslike condition during the time the machine is in operation. Charcoal is to be the fuel used, and a few of these pots will keep the metal floor of the snow receptacle red hot. The inventor claims that it will take a very few seconds to melt as much snow as the receptacle holds, so that the scoop in front can be kept going on its snow shoveling mission as fast as the operator wishes.

But what becomes of the snow after it is melted? This is where the inventor prides himself he has circumvented the snow blockade problem with rare skill. In the rear of the machine is a tank capable of holding several hundred gallons of water. Into this tank the snow melted in the iron furnace will run down and be caught and held until the tank is full, when all that is necessary will be to back the machine up to the nearest sewer and turn on the tap, letting the snow run away in liquid form until the tank is empty, when the machine resumes its work of snow shoveling.

With one of these machines in operation the inventor claims it will be possible to clear away in one hour as much snow as will cover a street a foot deep to the extent of a city block.—New York Herald.

PAROELING OF CHINA.

Mr. Foster's Advice to the Celestial Empire Which Was Refused.

Former Secretary of State John W. Foster talked to me today about the reports that the powers of Europe are dismembering China.

"I have no doubt," said Mr. Foster, "that Russia, Germany, France and Great Britain intend to take possession of most valuable ports and strategic points. They will gradually whittle away the valuable sea edge of that great empire. For several years I have foreseen this danger, and when I was last in China I advised the public men there to take steps to avert it. I suggested to them that a number of American army and navy officers should be induced to go to China and reorganize both branches of their military service. At the same time a few Americans could be employed to good advantage in broadening their civil policy in providing means of transportation and in development of the latent commercial power of the nation.

"But this advice, which was also given by abler men than myself, was not followed. The result is that China is today a nerveless, pulpy mass. The government lacks courage and purpose. They are able men, and their army, properly organized and led, could easily repel all the invaders, for the Chinese are good soldiers. In fact, if the army and navy had been reorganized on modern lines the powers of Europe would never think of making these inroads upon the territory of the empire."

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SINGLE TAXERS' FUTURE.

Henry George In Favor of Joining One of the Old Parties.

Henry George, who married Miss Mary Hitch in Chicago recently, arrived in Washington a few nights ago with his bride and will remain several days. Mr. George, in speaking of the future of the Single Taxers, said that they would not form their organization into a national party.

"We can do more service to the cause of single taxation," he said, "by concentrating all our efforts in endeavoring to get one of the two old parties to incorporate the single tax idea into its national platform than we could by launching a new party.

"My father was a Democrat and voted for both Cleveland and Bryan, but should the Republican party do more in the future for our cause than the Democratic party does then I shall favor all Single Taxers joining the Republican party."—New York World.

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TO PREVENT DISEASE.

The New York health authorities are very progressive. They have issued an order providing that books let out from the public library shall be disinfected before being given out again. This is a step in the right direction and one which will undoubtedly prevent to a great extent the spread of contagious diseases. Talk of sweat shop clothing and its liability to communicate disease. It is very great, to be sure, but not a whit greater than the danger from books that circulate among all classes. Will anybody gainsay the statement that library books passing from a house in which diphtheria rages are not quite certain to convey the disease to the next family taking them out soon after. The need for this precaution is very great and it should be adopted by the city library. The books received each day could be kept together and disinfected at night, so as to be ready for reissuance next day.

The Lowell Board of Health has power to order this precaution to be carried out. It has ordered the superintendents of Sunday schools not to allow children to attend after illness with contagious diseases unless with the permission of the board. That is a good precaution, as children are just as liable to catch disease on Sunday as on any other day and a Sunday school is as dangerous as is the public or parochial school in session during the week.

Let the Board go still farther and order all books taken from the library disinfected before being given out again and the public will endorse the outlay. It will be money well spent.

THE TEXTILE SITUATION.

The Sun takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the following article from the pen of a prominent business man who is thoroughly conversant with the mill situation in New England. It is a good explanation of the present depressed condition of the textile industries. We regret that we cannot give the name of the writer, as if we could the article would attract much attention throughout the country.

Editor of The Sun—The immediate cause for the reduction of wages in our textile industries is, plainly, the impossibility of manufacturing at a profit with the present cost of production. It is not to be presumed, for an instant, that the managers desire to reduce wages, except as the property must be protected. The primary cause for this condition is entirely different. It is what produces it that we should consider, and not the condition itself. A step backward shows all the mills owners of cotton, raw or manufactured, which cost from 10 to 20 per cent. more than its present value. This represents a large loss for every corporation, which must be made up by reduced expenses. The two million pieces of cloth in Fall River, and that in all the storehouses must be marketed at the present price of cotton. It follows to consider what caused the drop in cotton. Over--production, some will say, others under-consumption. Both are partly true, and neither of them entirely so. There may be over-production, temporarily, of some things, and perhaps this is the case with cotton, as the reverse is true of grain at present. There can be no such thing under normal conditions, as universal over-production. It is not good economics. As applied to the past 15 years it will not be reasonably claimed that over-production has acted to depress the price of cotton from 14 to 5 cents a pound. Under-consumption is the inability of the people to purchase that which they need, or reasonably desire. This is true today of a large majority of the people, and will account directly for the depressed business conditions, past and present, and indirectly for the reduction of wages now going on.

But there must still be a reason for the inability of the people to purchase that which they need, or reasonably desire. In some cases it is shiftlessness, or a disinclination to labor. This, however, is not a factor, as never were the people so industrious and anxious to labor as now. Thanks to the elevation of the standard of ethics, it is not respectable to be a loafer, or even a drone in the world. While it has not been popular in New England to favor other than the gold standard, there are, nevertheless, those who believe that to it can be traced universally falling prices, as measured by gold. In sections of our country there reside people who are American born to a larger extent than here—American educated—many of them natives, or descendants of New England, and the large majority are opposed to it. It is with pity that they look upon their erring brothers in the East. Ask them why wages are reduced. They will tell us that gold is the only commodity in the world that is constantly increasing in value, and that it follows every other commodity, measured in gold is falling in value; that it is because cotton has fallen that wages are reduced. They will tell us, besides, that we have been anxious to maintain a uniform standard with Great Britain to whom we have never sold manufactured cotton and never will, while we have been indifferent to the breaking of the parity of exchange, with our best customers. They will point to the former large sales of cotton goods to countries which use silver; but which have constantly grown less, until we are dependent on this country alone for a market,—that mills, which when they were boys in New England, sold the entire product abroad, do not now export any goods.

The cry for an "honest dollar" has had honest advocates, but they have been wrong. The light of reason is breaking in. Experience is a great teacher. We shall not much longer fatter the boundless resources of our country with a system, wrong in principle and bad in practice. It was said that the way to resume specie (not gold) payments, was to resume. It will soon be apparent the way to restore bi-metallism is to restore it. That time will come sooner than many people think. Perhaps before the close of the present administration. To the will of the people, banks, bankers, subsidized newspapers, Rothschilds, trusts and office-holders will then bow.

—Kansas.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston Herald- Speaker Reed now comes forward to insist that the House is a truly deliberative body. He points to 16,000 words in the Congressional Record, uttered to correct one word spoken at a previous session. The Speaker's point seems to be well taken even if it is somewhat sarcastic.

Springfield Republican—Persons who think the negro race has made no substantial progress should pause and contemplate the fact that a new brick cotton mill, having from 7000 to 10,000 spindles, and owned exclusively by colored people, is nearly completed at Concord, N. C. It will be in operation by April 1. "A monument to the enterprise and thrift of the colored people of the old North State," some say—and such it is.

Indianapolis News—There are a few things as may be used as indicating the advancement in culture in the western states. One of them is the strength of such organizations as the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the Sons and daughters of the American Revolution and the New England society, which last night celebrated Forefathers' day. It was not a rare thing, during the early days of the West to have men proud of the fact that they were ignorant of their grandfathers. In truth, men who found pleasure in tracing back their origin for many generations, were considered as lacking in true democracy. There is doubtless more or less snobbishness in the growing desire which people have to possess a family tree, but there is also in it an indication of genuine culture.

Boston Herald—The state fish commissioners have gathered over 5,000,000 trout and salmon eggs to be incubated in brooks and ponds next season for future sport.

Boston Herald—A correspondent desires to know the meaning of wife beating in the third degree. As we understand it, the offence consists of throwing hard boiled eggs at one's wife. That was the specific charge sustained in the case in the New York courts against Actor Radcliffe.

Baltimore American—Condensed milk is now put up in cakes; flour is pressed in the shape of bricks; we have frozen meat and codfish in the shape of balls; there is whiskey in the solid form and air comes as a liquid—all of which seem to indicate that living is being made simpler in many respects. But where is the scientist who can reduce his rent to a size that will not be troublesome to carry?

Bangor News—Talk is proverbially cheap; that is, political talk and fighting talk, and oftentime advice, but the little pow-pow that Uncle Sam has been holding over in Paris relative to settling the seal question will appear to most persons to be rather expensive. The cost of the commission, which accomplished absolutely nothing, was $25,000. Whew! A quarter of a million of dollars gone up—not in smoke but in talk.

Brockton Times—The Lewiston Journal, in commenting on the Boston election, says that the Hub went for free rum by $21,000 majority. Down in Maine the people are not allowed to vote on the rum question. They have all the ardent they wish without going to the trouble of voting whether or not it shall be sold. The liquor dealers in Maine prefer things as they are for good reason. Under a system of license they would be compelled to pay more money for the right to sell than they do at the present time. Under the operation of the prohibitin law they settle with the courts once or twice a year and are allowed to sell unmolested.

FOUND IN A BOTTLE.

LETTER IN A BOTTLE FROM A LAWRENCE MAN.

Rodney Currier of Amesbury, has picked up a bottle on the bank of the Merrimack river containing the following note:

"To the Finder—When you find this bottle I shall be at the bottom of the sea. My lover has left me and gone with another. Charles R. Wood,
Lawrence, Mass."

The above has an air of mystery connected with it. It may be a canard and yet the story told in the brief note may be one of truth and sadness, says the Lawrence American without a smile.

The police were asked of the case last night but no man by the name of Wood has been reported missing. The directory does not contain any "Charles R. Wood," and the few clues followed by a reporter early this morning were of no avail.

The police will investigate today and before night the facts of the case may be learned.

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THE ARENA OF POLITICS

THE GREENBACK.

Opened a New Chapter In Finance and Saved the Nation.

The most interesting of all studies of history undoubtedly is the tracing of the progress of a popular idea from its inception to its triumph. When Eldridge G. Spaulding succeeded in creating the greenback, he opened a new chapter of finance and showed a nation how to tolerate an intolerable debt. To borrow hundreds of millions of dollars without paying a cent of interest was the lesson he taught the American people. The greenback made the government at Washington victorious in the civil war, and the policy of greenback withdrawal which McKinley is now alluring Secretary Gage to force upon the country would undo the most successful chapter of finance the world has seen. And yet, within the third of a century of its existence, the greenbacks have been kicked and cuffed by both parties and denounced and vilified by both. In 1876 the Republicans demanded "their redemption in coin," while the Democratic platform resolutions "denounced the failure to make good the legal tender notes."

Twenty years have gone by since these platforms, and only among the interested classes, the bankers and money lenders of the Republican party, the idea now lingers that our paper money should be issued not by the government, but by the banks. The Republican platform of 1896, on which McKinley ran, had not a word about the greenbacks. As for the Democratic platform of that year, it resolved:

"We denounce the issuance of notes intended to circulate as money by national banks as in derogation of the constitution, and we demand that all paper which is made a legal tender for public and private debts, or which is receivable for duties to the United States, shall be issued by the government of the United States," which is the greenback idea in its original purity. And the response given by the Democracy of the Union in 1896 was 6,500,000 votes.

There is very little more danger of the passage of a law by the present congress to burn up our greenbacks, to authorize hundreds of millions more of paper to be issued by banks and to give over the making of our paper currency to the money lenders than there was in old Andrew Jackson's time of the restoration to power of the United States bank which he strangled, but the attempt will be made, and the battle must be fought out in the capitol. Our reliance must be in the wisdom which the American people have learned from experience and the improbability that they will now take any step backward.—New York News.

CHANGING THE TUNE.

Republican Organs Make Silly Excuses For the Dingley Bill.

A few months ago the Republican organs were vociferating with glee that the Dingley law was going to remedy all kinds of ills and make this nation feel like a boy with his first pair of pants. They declared that it would bring so much revenue that Uncle Sam would have to build additions to his treasury, and with one accord they rejoiced because the Wilson law was repealed and it and its makers rendered powerless to further deplete the treasury. But the Republican organs are not vociferating so loudly now. Indeed, they are singing in a subdued strain and are casting about for some one to shift the blame of the Dingley law's failure upon. They refuse to see the causes that are really to blame, but profess to see that the blame rests upon men who were not in congress when the Dingley law was passed. The Chicago Inter Ocean is about the blindest of the lot. It gazes at the rapidly increasing deficit caused by the Dingley law and exclaims, "The men mostly to blame for the prospective deficit are Messrs. Wilson and Cleveland, though every Democrat and mugwump in the land shares in their guilt."

It is convenient to be able to exclaim with the schoolboy caught in the act, "I ain't been doin nothin!" Of course The Inter Ocean means that the anticipatory imports under the Wilson law are responsible for the rapidly increasing deficit, but The Inter Ocean and other tariff taxing organs thought nothing of them when they declared with double leaded editorials that just as soon as the Dingley law went into effect the revenues would equal or exceed the expenses of the government.

They never once thought that they would be called upon to invent some excuse for the failure of the Dingley law to produce revenue, but when the time did come when some excuse had to be invented they invented one, and silly as it is they fondly believe that the people will be deceived thereby. The invention may deceive those who love to be deceived, but it will not deceive men who read and think. It would be well for the Republican organs and the Republican party if they spent less time inventing excuses for the Dingley bill's failure and more to devising ways and means to keep that deficit from forcing the administration to issue a lot of bonds.—Omaha World-Herald.

McKinley and Civil Service.

If Mr. McKinley wants the civil service system abrogated or cut down, he has only to issue an order to that effect, and if he does not wish to destroy the system he should let congress know so. Mr. McKinley now appears to be trying to get congress to do his promise breaking for him.

Monopolies Not Disturbed.

The protected monopolies are not disturbed by the deficit. It means to them that competitors abroad are being shut out. At home they can shut out competition by combining in trusts.

Most Surprising of All.

The only surprising feature of the newly formed Cracker trust is that there is at this late day any material left for the formation of a new trust.

COMMUNICATION.

MOLBE'S MOUTH WORK.

I notice that our Rising Sun senator, Morse, has been at it again with his everlasting lip, talking through his hat. He is last reported as saying that there is too much Massachusetts legislation favoring the working folk and hampering the manufacturer; that the time limit and other like laws are restrictions which drive out or keep out business from the state and that their enactment was the result of the agitation of demagogues who work only with their mouths. He says many men would like to work more hours and have their children work more time in the mills, and that such restrictive legislation should be national, so as to apply to all parts of the country alike. This last clause may be true enough as to the need of such national law, but because we do not have it, is that any reason that a single or several states should not act in the matter? There are many state laws here which Mr. Morse would like to have universal, but would he abolish those at home because they do not hold in Louisiana? He is a strong prohibitionist on the liquor question, but because prohibition is not national would he therefore not have it in Maine and Vermont and in Massachusetts if he could, notwithstanding its effect upon business. The women and children of this state need protection against just such rapacious politicians of the labor pocket as is Mr. Morse. This modern Elijah would doubtless like to work his help day and night, without pay and command them to trust God and the ravens for their daily grub. He is the man who introduced the propositions to amend the United States constitution by inserting a religious creed which would deciticenize some of the best people in the country, which would destroy the civil rights of just such ones as first proclaimed and defended the independence of the country and created its unsectarian constitution, making it unsectarian, so that the goodly folk like Elijah Morse might not use it for a battle axe against each other and their betters. He was much in evidence as a religious demagogue in the halcyon days of the A.P.A., which on the pretence of equal rights in matters of religion, undertook to revolutionize the government of equal rights into a Protestant theocracy. It will be a good day when this false prophet returns to his shop, packing stove polish and working less with his mouth for $8000 a year. —John Prescott Guild.

STOLE FOR LOVE.

BOSTON YOUTH'S DEVOTION TO HIS WIFE CAUSED HIM TO FALL.

John H. Colville in the Superior criminal court in Boston, Tuesday, afternoon pleaded guilty to defaulting with $1600, belonging tol Wood, Pollard & Co.

It was not throguh his willing confession that he was brought to Boston from California but because of peculiar circumstances, the district attorney waived his right to cross-examine the witnesses or to make any argument in the case, and no eye in the court room gazed upon the young prisoner save in sympathy and pity.

Mr. Colville told from the witness stand the story of his downfall, the details of which were substantiated by his employer, by his wife and by his mother who had come all the way from Wales to be present in his behalf.

Last April, Mr. Pollard asked him to make out a check for $1000, payable to "Cash" and to be deposited to Mr. Pollard's personal account. The check was executed, but the matter slipped his employer's mind. The bit of paper, signed and perfect in every legal detail, lay on Colville's desk for some days. Temptation to appropriate it was working upon him. There were bills coming due; a little stranger was expected soon to arrive at his home, and a payment was due on his house. One day he succumbed; the check was turned into cash and deposited in Colville's name in another bank. Later other money was taken from the firm.

His wife was gloomy and depressed. To cheer her, he bought her a boat; he gave her jewelry and money. He spent not one cent of the stolen money on himself.

For some reason he was absent from his desk for a few days, and in the meantime a shortage of $400 was discovered in his accounts. He was confronted with the fact and confessed that he had taken $500. His employers pitied him and gave him another chance. He went to California with his wife. There remorse preyed upon him and he wrote a letter confessing to having taken three times the amount he had first named. Officer Shields was sent West and returned with Colville under arrest.

Mrs. Colville, the wife, went to Wood, Pollard & Co., and gave $100 in cash and a note for $270. Colville's bicycle was sold for $40 and the boat, too, was surrendered. There was $400 of the stolen money in Colville's possession in California, which he voluntarily surrendered.

Attorney Proctor pleaded with the court that Colville be given an opportunity to go away somewhere with his family and begin life anew. He is but 27 years of age and came to this country three years ago. His parents are willing to refund the balance of the stolen money and his former employers commend highly his ability and personal character.

Judge Bishop took the case under advisement.

FR. O'BRIEN DEAD.

OF ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BOSTON. A VICTIM OF PERITONITIS.

Father Stephen S. O'Brien, assistant at St. Philip's church, Harrison avenue, Boston, died Tuesday at 8.23 o'clock p. m., at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Death was due to peritonitis.

Fr. O'Brien was taken to the hospital late Sunday night. It was hoped an operation might save his life, and one was performed Tuesday afternoon, but the disease was so far advanced that the operation proved unavailing.

Fr. Doppinger of Allen street was with Fr. O'Brien when death came.

Deceased had been assistant at St. Philip's church for the last two years. Previous to that he had been assistant in Canton. His father and mother live in Rockland which was his native place.

He leaves a brother, Maurice, in Cincinnati, and a brother, Daniel, and two sisters, Margaret and Joanna, who live in Rockland.

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CRISP GOSSIP.

Recently the wife of Michael Delaney who lives at Kellyville, Penn., presented him with three bouncing boys. The triplets thrived and on a recent Sunday their proud parents presented them for baptism at the Church of St. Charles Bonomeo. The boys were baptized Patrick Joseph, Francis Ambrose and Charles Walter. The hair of each infant is of a different color—auburn, brown and blonde—and the young women who stod as sponsors were selected because they had hair to match the color of the boys.

Says the Observant Citizen in the Boston Post

Here is a rather curious coincidence in connection with a deeply rooted superstition prevalent among theatrical people. I was present Monday evening when the sad accident happened to Comedian Dan Daly of "The Belle of New York" company at the Park theatre, and I had noticed, seated well front in the center of the orchestra, a lady dressed in deep mourning and wearing a heavy black crepe veil. To face such an auditor on the opening night of the play is considered by actors to be the acme of bad luck, and if aware of such presence, they are surprised at nothing which may happen during the evening. It is an incongruous garb at a place of amusement, anyway.

And the mishap to the comedian was only one of a series of incidents annoying to the management that evening, attribute them to whatever cause one may. First the stage hands struck and the performance only proceeded by means of courteous aid from another house. Then while the curtain was down on account of the accident a man leaning heavily against the brass rail of an upper box in his eagerness to see, displace a brass rod, which fell into the orchestra, and narrowly missed two spectators. And shortly after a woman was taken out in a fainting condition. Withal, I have never seen an audience behave with such exemplary coolness and lack of visible agitation. Not a person even left his seat during the wait, except the newspapermen and the regular cocktail fiends.

DAN DALY BETTER.

RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS AND RECOVERY IS PROBABLE.

Dan Daly, injured by a fall at the Park Theatre in Boston, is improving at the Massachusetts General Hospital. "He has recovered consciousness," said one of the physicians. "He is doing well. The chances for his recovery are quite favorable. His skull was not fractured. His injury is a concussion of the brain."

On reaching the hospital a hasty examination of Mr. Daly was made by the doctors and they declared he was suffering from concussion of the brain and pronounced him in a critical condition.

HANGED IN HIS CELL.

James Dalton, a prisoner at the East Cambridge House of Correction, committed suicide Monday night by hanging himself to the door of his cell. Dalton was serving a three years' sentence, having been convicted in the superior court last June of breaking and entering in Malden. For some time past he had appeared despondent, and claimed to feel that he was serving an undeserved sentence.

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AN INCREASE IN REVENUES

Highest Figures in Customs Receipts Under New Law.

A Surplus is Expected for December — Republicans Claim That the Income Will Continue to Exceed the Outlay.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures will show a material increase in the receipts from both customs and internal revenue. Tuesday's income from customs alone was $735,617, the highest figures reached since the new tariff law went into effect. The receipts from customs this month probably will exceed those of November by $3,000,000, which will leave a surplus for the month. Independent of the receipts and payments on account of the Pacific railroad transfer, the total receipts this month would have exceeded the expenditures by approximately $1,760,000.

The returns from internal revenue sources show a gratifying increase, and it is not unlikely that the December statement will show an excess over November of $1,000,000. Altogether the situation, so far as revenues are concerned is very gratifying to the treasury officials, who confidently predict that with the exception of January, when heavy interest payments are due, there will be a surplus for each remaining month of the present fiscal year.

RECIPROCITY DEALS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has about recovered from a long and painful attack of rheumatism. During his illness the reciprocity negotiations progressed steadily through Mr. Adams, first secretary to the embassy, and Sir Julian will now be able to give the matter personal attention. The main desire of the British West Indian colonies is to secure the 20 percent reciprocity reduction on sugar. What will be offered in exchange has not been determined. At the outset the purpose of the negotiations was confined to the British West Indies, but the present indications are that efforts will be made to include Canada. How far this can be done in view of the failure of the Behring sea negotiations is not clear. Mr. Kasson, the special commissioner of the United States, has not undertaken to consider the subject of reciprocity with Canada. The entire subject of Canadian relations appears to remain in the control of ex-Secretary Foster.

It has been expected that the recovery of Sir Julian Pauncefote would permit active steps on the British-American treaty of arbitration. Up to this time, no negotiations have been opened between the ambassador and the state department. Both governments have signified a favorable attitude toward reopening negotiations, but the British government will take no step until a definite assurance is at hand that such a treaty will be ratified by the senate.

PROTECTED INTERESTS ALERT.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The lumber and other industries which might be affected by reciprocity treaties are watching closely all that concerns their special interests. Mr. Tunis, chairman of the executive committee of the National Lumbermen's association, has had several interviews with Mr. Kasson, who is in charge of reciprocity negotiations. The lumbermen are chiefly apprehensive that their product may have to bear the brunt of Canadian reciprocity negotiations. Mr. Tunis yesterday said: "It is evident the administration is bent on a commercial treaty with Canada under section four of the Dingley bill. I have said to Commissioner Kasson that the great interests we represent, employing more than 600,000 workingmen and directly supporting a population of more than 3,000,000, ask for no special privileges. While they are willing to pay a duty for other manufactured goods equal to 40 or 50 perecent of their value, they only ask for their own less than 20 percent.

"They are unwilling to be singled out of all other manufacturing industries of this country to test the theories of free trade. They are opposed to sharing with coal and fish the burden of a policy which the great masses of our people are utterly indifferent to, but which is urged by a few Americans interested in the seal fisheries and a few other Americans who own Canadian forests.

"The average American student can see no more reason or justice in the demand for reciprocity with Canada than with her imperial mother, our best customer for wheat, corn, hay, cotton, lumber, etc. The danger to our interests lies in reciprocity with nations located in the same temperate zone as our own and of whose products we are entirely independent."

HOSPITAL CORPS FOR NAVY.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Long has sent to the house naval committee a draft of a bill "To organize a hospital corps of the United States navy, to define its duties and regulate its pay." The secretary says it is understood that the operations of the army hospital corps are very satisfactory, and a similar organization in the navy can be accomplished and maintained with practically no additional expense to the navy. The proposed hospitals are to be located at Portsmouth, N. H., Chelsea, Mass., Newport, R. I., New York city, Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, Va., Pensacola, Fla., Mare Island, Cal., and Yokohama, Japan.

PERMISSION TO CROSS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sir Julian Pauncefote sent an official communication yesterday to the secretary of state announcing that the British government will permit a detachment of the United States army to cross British territory in making the trip to the Klondike. The detachment will be accompanied by a representative of the Canadian government as an escort while passing over British soil.

PETER DOGGETT'S DEATH.

London, Dec. 30.—Inspector Corry of the Scotland yard detective department is making inquiries at Old Castle, county Meath, Ireland, in connection with the death of Peter Doggett, who was cut to pieces in a dough mixing machine in New York city last August. An important arrest is expected in a few days. Doggett met his death Aug. 28 while in the service of the New York Biscuit company. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Doggett's sister, it is understood, received a letter from her mother, who lives in Ireland, saying that queer stories were afloat about her boy's death. She named a man who had returned from New York to Old Castle well supplied with money, and suggested there might be a connection between the source of his funds and the death of her son. The New York district attorney's office communicated Mrs. Doggett's letter with other circumstantial evidence bearing upon the case to Scotland yard.

FIRES IN DAWSON CITY.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—According to news received here from Dawson City under date of Nov. 25, the Kolndike mining camp has twice been in danger of destruction by fire. On Nov 22 two log houses were burned. The houses contained food and outfits for 10 men, and nothing was saved Steps have been taken to relieve the destitute. A second fire broke out on Nov. 25, and the opera house and two saloons were burned. The snow on the roofs saved the rest of the street from destruction. Provisions and liquors valued at $40,000 were destroyed.

On Nov. 10 the Yukon froze over and since then 3000 persons have started out over the ice between Dawson and Selkirk. Many of them are without dogs and poorly supplied with provisions, and it is doubtful if they will get through.

FREE BOOKS AND FREE LUNCH.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 30.—At Tuesday's session of the Illinois State Teachers' association, President Andrews of Brown university, Providence, delivered an address on "The public school system as an instrumentality of social advance." He took advanced ground in regard to the advisability of school architecture, providing the most perfect ventilation and physical comfort to pupils, while not neglecting intellectual advantages. He favored free text books, free lunches and everything to make school pleasant to the pupils. He thought these did more to elevate the social and moral character of the people than anything else.

POWER OF SPEECH BACK.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—By teaching the use of the lips for utterances, Dr. Willis D. Storer, a staff physician at Augustana hospital, has restored the power of speech to Maggie E. Lauf. Three years ago Miss Lauf's nervous system was shattered by a stroke of lightning. Since that time and up to about six weeks ago the young lady had been unable to utter a sound. Dr. Storer trained Miss Lauf to use her lips as he would a child, and after about two weeks of lessons the young lady suddenly partially regained her voice. With constant practice she has now entirely recovered the use of it.

HIS BODY UNDER THE ICE.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 30.—John Burnham, ex-member of parliament and queen's councillor, committed suicide by drowning yesterday. He had suffered for months from insomnia. His wife found a note from him saying he could not stand the strain longer. His footsteps were traced through the snow to the river, where his body was found beneath the ice.

CUT HIS THROAT.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 30.—Charles C. Avery, an inmate of the hospital at the Togus soldiers' home, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. Though several were present at the time, the act was done so quickly that no one could prevent the deed.

THE SEALSKIN ACT.

London, Dec. 30.—The Standard and The Daily News indulge in sarcastic comments as to the probable increase in the cost of sealskin garments in America owing to the new legislation. The News asks what the shopkeepers will say when they find fair Americans coming to London for sealskin jackets. It adds: "The bill seems hardly made for enforcement; more likely it is intended to cover a diplomatic retreat."

A True Maxim.

Nothing succeeds like success, is a maxim well applied to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, for this famous remedy succeeds in curing every case of croup, cough and cold which it undertakes, and to this alone is due its wonderful popularity. Mrs. E. W. Richards, 2214 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., states: "I have had Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup on my bureau for the last nine years, and have found it a certain and safe cure for croup. I have also found it efficacious in extreme membraneous croup, and would advise all mothers to use it." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs only 25 cents, and you should bear in mind, that substitutes simply benefit the dealer's purse. Insist on getting Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

BRADY'S LETTER

He Makes a Deposit for the Fight

BETWEEN CORBETT AND FITZSIMMONS.

Other Notes From the Sporting World.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wednesday night William A. Brady, manager of James J. Corbett, sent to The Associated Press the following defi to Fitzsimmons:

"James J. Corbett, dissatisfied with the result of his late contest with you at Carson City, and not believing that you are his superior either as a boxer or fighter, and being of the opinion that the majority of the American public shares this belief that he can defeat you if you are man enough to grant him a return battle on equal conditions, has deposited $2500 as a first deposit to bind a match for $10,000 a side, the person offering the largest inducements to have the management of the contest.

"As you have said that your wife has withdrawn her objection to you again entering the ring, there is no reason why the arrangement should not be speedily consummated, for you, in my presence at Carson City, gave Corbett your word of honor that if you ever entered the ring again, you would give him first choice.

"It is useless for you to attempt to deceive the public and try to boom your private interests by attempting to force Corbett to meet some second or third rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice. He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or anyone else. He claims the chance he gave you—the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved himself in your class on March 17 last, and it was only by the greatest kind of fluke that you are now titled 'champion.' I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he secures the opportunity to again face you in a 24-foot ring, I will guarantee you that he will prove conclusively and beyond a question of doubt whether or not he is in your class.

William A. Brady."

A FINANCIAL REASON.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—The Palladium publishes an interview with Robert J. Cook, Yale's veteran boating coach, relative to the Yale-Cornell situation, in which the well known coach says: "Cornell's disinclination to accept the New London course very probably is grounded on her failure to draw sufficient crowds there to make it a paying venture financially when she rowed on that course years ago. Yale proposes to overcome this aversion by giving Cornell equal receipts and even their choice of the course. The course is acceptable to Yale and suits Harvard well enough, and therefore ought to be good enough for Cornell, too, even without conditions.

"Yale and Harvard, so far as they are interested, have decided to row at New London, and the opportunity to be a party to the race has been freely and fairly offered to the Ithica university; and now if she loses it, it is her own fault. Yale proposes a fair course, and goes further than that in offering a choice of course."

MATCH MAKER STARTS HOPES.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dan Stuart of Texas said yesterday that he would leave for the west next week, and he hoped that he would secure the signatures of both Fitzsimmons and Corbett to articles of agreement for a ring contest which he proposes to bring off next summer probably in Nevada. Just what the amount of the purse which he would offer would be, Mr. Stuart refused to say. As soon as he had presented the articles of agreement to either one side or both of the big pugilists he would make the amount public.

Mr. Stuart would like to arrange a meeting between "Kid" McCoy and Joe Choynski, or some other good middleweight, to take place in the same week as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout. He said he would offer the winners of these bouts to meet six months later, so that in the event of McCoy and Fitzsimmons winning they could settle their differences as to their respective prowess within the year 1898.

SCORES OF POLO GAMES.

At Fall River—Fall Rivers, 10; Salems, 6.

At Pawtucket—Pawtuckets, 6; New Bedfords, 3.

At Lewiston—Lewistons, 5; Rocklands, 2.

At Meriden—Meridens, 11; Wallingfords, 2.

At Waterbury—Waterburys, 7; New Havens, 2.

ABUSED A PRIVILEGE.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Mayor Harrison has issued an order prohibiting public boxing exhibitions in the city. He says his permission to hold six-round contests has been abused and that fights are taking place in the city every night.

it's neglect of throat and bronchial troubles that leads to death-dealing disease.

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SOME REMARKABLE FACTS

In Report of the Herring Safe Company of New York.

Matters That Indicate Crookedness Somewhere—Strange Mix-up by the Accountants—Startling Discoveries.

New York, Dec. 30.—A score of men representing 2000 shares of the preferred stock of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe company, which recently went into the hands of a receiver, met to hear the report of W. C. Taylor, S. A. Jennings and Philip Hathaway, the committee appointed to investigate the charges of mismanagement on the part of those who were in charge of the company's affairs. Mr. Taylor said that the committee had discovered facts which were remarkable, and which disclosed the reasons for the losses as well as the cause for the action of the company's most active rival in securing a judgment for $3000.

Mr. Hathaway read a report in which he said in part: "Those of us who were interested in the affairs of the company were somewhat startled a short time ago when we received word that the voting trustees were to spring a surprise upon us by calling a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the company, at which they were determined to abandon the name of Herring-Hall-Marvin and adopt the name of the American Safe Manufacturing company. I was more surprised a day or two later at learning that Moses Mosler, our rival, was the president of the executive committee, and that a second member of the company was in close relationship with him, which left us only one representative on the committee. The next discovery was that our plant in Hamilton, O., adjoins the plant in which the Mosler safes are made. Whether or not Mr. Mosler ran our business in our interests or his own I will not say, but his attempt to put us out of business by securing a judgment for the small amount of $3000 makes me suspicious.

"I have never seen such balance and profit and loss sheets as have been submitted by the company's accountants. In the balance sheet of 1894, $180,000, paid as quarterly dividends to preferred stockholders, was set down among the assets. The balance sheet shows that during 1894 the company lost $22,816 and in 1895 $288,647. In each instance the depreciation in the value of machinery was omitted. In 1894 the proceeds of the sales of safes amounted to $1,530,000. The cost of producing the safes is placed at $965,657, and the running expenses are placed at $377,957. In 1895 the proceeds of the output amounted to only $1,052,470, and the running expenses were advanced to $516,723.

"We paid $1,000,000 too much in the start. We have lost $1,000,000 and have got $1,000,000 left. I believe that million is worth saving, and I am in favor of the appointment of a committee to take immediate steps to reorganize the company in order to save what we can."

MORAL DEVELOPMENT.

New York, Dec. 30.—At last night's session of the child study congress the Rev. Dr. Conaty of the Catholic university of Washington delivered an address on child study, in which he pointed out the better mental and physical foundations possessed by some children for moral development. It was equally incumbent on the parents as on the teacher to assist in this development. All education tended to the building up of character, and to accomplish what was most desired the inherent tendencies of the child must be studied; his inclinations watched and the tendencies to any viciousness curbed.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall of the Clark university of Worcester, Mass., followed, speaking to the same end.

MRS. BOOTH'S CONDITION.

New York, Dec. 30.—The following statement was given out last night by Drs. McCosh and Thompson, who are in attendance on Mrs. Ballington Booth at the Presbyterian hospital: "Mrs. Booth is suffering from an aneurism of the aorta, and we consider that her condition has been and is serious. She is confined to bed, not allowed to see any visitors except her husband and secretary, and is absolutely forbidden to do any work. Her condition continues to improve."

The statement is issued, it was announced, because of insinuations recently made that Mrs. Booth's condition had never been as serious as had been reported.

SEAFARING MEN MEET.

New York, Dec. 30.—J. H. Wilson, president of the International Seaman's and Fireman's union, addressed a meeting of about 200 seafaring men here yesterday for the purpose of uniting the American seamen into a branch of the International union. He declared that the men were at the mercy of shipping masters, who controlled the destinies of sailors and firemen. To overcome this it was necessary to combine in an organization which should cover all the ports of the world. Organizations have already been perfected in Holland, Spain, France, Germany, Norway and Denmark.

ON TOUR OF OBSERVATION.

New York, Dec. 30.—When the Panama steamship Finance sails Friday she will have on board 14 of the most prominent contractors in the United States, who will go to Nicaragua to inspect the survey of the proposed canal. If the work is deemed practicable, these men will unite into a company and bid for the job.

OFFER OF SETTLEMENT.

Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 30.—Colonel W. A. Gile, counsel for John Reed, the alleged "bunco man" who has been arrested charged with swindling Martin Wood of this town out of $4500, has made an offer to Mr. Wood on behalf of his client to settle for half the amount, but the proposition has been declined.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Sloop Serenader of Rockland, Mass., was sunk in Boston harbor in a collision with a tug.

The 4-year-old daughter of Charles Tucker of Provincetown, Mass., died yesterday from burns received while alone in the house.

The collapse of an old warehouse in Washington caused the death of C. C. Hesler, a bricklayer, and the serious injury of several others.

Strong gales prevailed yesterday over the western and southern coasts of Great Britain. Off the Lizard a hurricane was blowing, and the weather generally is growing worse.

The Dartmouth medical college at Hanover, N. H., opened for its 101st year yesterday with an entering class of about 30. The course has been changed from three to four years.

General Weyler's memorial to the queen regent respecting President McKinley's message is a mild protest, signed by himself alone. He was unable to persuade other officers to sign it.

Nellie Hicks, 17 years old, fell asleep beside the stove at her home in Boston, and her clothing ignited. She was terribly burned about the body, and at the hospital it is said she cannot recover.

Secretary Sherman has received a telegram from the Anaconda Standard directing him to draw for $900, the amount subscribed in the state of Montana through that paper for the relief of suffering Cubans.

An engine and caboose on the Chicago, Hamilton and Western railroad left the tracks while crossing a bridge over Salt creek, two miles north of Lagrange, Ills., and plunged into eight feet of water. Six men were injured.

The locomotive shops, other than railroad shops, built 1251 locomotives in 1897, as compared with 1175 in the previous year and 1101 in 1895. Of the locomotives built in the year just closed 386 were for export; in the preceding year 309 were for export.

The officers and passengers of the steamship Victoria, which has reached Victoria, B. C., from the Orient, say that all is excitement on the other side of the Pacific. The people in all walks of life expect that there will be a clash among the great powers over the seizure of different ports of China.

ATTEMPTED TO MURDER.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 30.—Last night Elon Johnson, aged 22, attempted to murder Ernest Fellows, Mrs. Fellows and their 13-year-old son Frank by shooting them at their home here. He dangerously wounded Fellows and inflicting a slight wound in the boy's thigh and a flesh wound on Mrs. Fellows. Johnson then shot himself, dying instantly.

Johnson had boarded with the Fellows family, to whom he was related. He fell in arrears for his board and was ordered from the house. Last night he called for his trunk, but was told he could not have it until he paid his back board. He then drew a pistol and fired at Fellows, the ball taking effect in the neck close to the spinal column. Johnson then fired at Mrs. Fellows, the shot glancing along her side. He next turned on the boy and shot him in the thigh. After firing another shot at Fellows, which went wide, he killed himself.

His Cat Hunts Rabbits.

Louis Rosenbrock of Hillsdale, N. J., has a cat that can hunt rabbits with the best trained dog. Rosenbrock says that hardly a day passes but what the cat goes into the woods and returns home with a rabbit.

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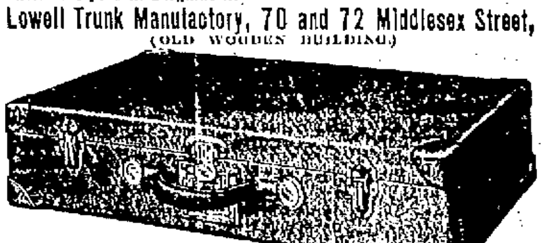

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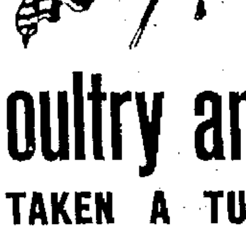

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A NEW YEAR'S BICYCLE BALL.

Paris Will Celebrate The Entrance of 1898 In Unique Style.

Will Dance On Wheels—Only Square Dances and the Virginia Reel on the Programme.

Paris—Paris swelldom is to celebrate New Years in its usual idiosyncratic style, and a bicycle ball is the specific nature of the programme. In America and in England bicycle gymkana have been fads of quite recent origin, but the bicycle ball has never yet been attempted. Parisians go back to the mythical origin of New Years day celebrations for their authority, and assert that as a matter of fact New Years day is simply a Christmas holiday by courtesy, and that it should really always be celebrated by athletics of some kind or other. For the first day of the year, they say, was originally consecrated to Strenua, the goddess of strength, and the first New Year's gift ever presented was that given to Titus Tatius, the King of the Sabines, who reigned at Rome conjointly with Romulus Tatius was honored by his followers with a bundle of branches cut in the woods consecrated to Strenua. He beat his courtiers with the switches and considered this such an excellent beginning of the year that he ordered the custom kept up. And so to this day the first day of each new year is honored by tributes of respect and devotion, followed by an emblematic Tatian retribution.

And Paris has adopted the bicycle ball as a fitting honor to the Goddess of Strength. The wood of the bicycle is to be typical of the branches broken in the consecrated woods and the slips and tumbles are evidently to be emblematic of the switching, while the exercise of limbs is to be a fitting honor to the ancient goddess of strength.

If Strenua were only present to see the display of bloomers and stockings she would undoubtedly veto the celebration in her honor, and Titus Tatius would have ample opportunity for some very effective switching.

But several thousand years stretch between the time of Tatius and the bicycle ball, and he of the purple toga will turn in his grave at the simple thought of the degradation in store for the custom he instituted.

At the bicycle ball the ladies will, of course, appear in bloomers, although no objection will be offered to anything of a tight-fitting character provided there is something shapely within it. The bicycle styles of the Bois will be followed very generally.

Instead of the ordinary shoes and leggings the very modish Paris bicyclist wears shoes of brown or tan canvas trimmed with leather of the same color and laced half way up the calf of the leg. Above these her handsome golf stockings begin to show. Unlike the stockings men effect, these do not roll back beneath the knee, but are made in extra length for warmth's sake, are held by elastic supporters from the waist, and are splendid studies in color and pattern. On the Bois, every damsel displays what might be called her own particular brand of hose, to be known by the way the ornamental streaks, stripes or diamonds of cheerful tone are chosen and knitted into the solid dark yarn. For example, against a dull brown stocking intricate red, yellow, and gray points will be woven in, or a dark blue pair will show white, light blue, and crimson zig zags flashing out above the shoe tops.

The world has not yet been enlightened on the exact nature of the programme for the bicycle ball, but it is known that only square dances and the Virginia reel will be attempted. All of those who will participate are supposed to have mastered the intricacies of trick riding and some unique effects will undoubtedly be produced, far surpassing in interest the gymkana of London and New York, which are, after all, rather clumsy affairs.

The wheelmen and wheelwomen promise some startling decorative effects, aside from costuming. The hall itself will be garlanded, and the headgear of all the cyclers is to conform to this decorative effect, the men wearing floral caps and the women bonnets of lilies and roses.

The lancers will be "danced," if one may be allowed that word, by sixteen men and maidens on their wheels. They will form in two sets and go through the figures of the lancers, circling around each other instead of "turning partners," and ending with the grand chain, making one of the prettiest effects of the evening.

The London bicycle sport, "Threading the Needle," is to be a feature of the programme, but instead of winding and twisting in single file it will be done by couples.

Taken altogether it will be one of the most interesting affairs given in the gay French capital in years.

How a Bicycle Ball Would Look Minus Bloomer Costumes.

Trinity Will Ring Out the Old New York.

The Wake of a Great City Followed By the Birth of a Greater.

How the Three Millions Will Celebrate the Night of New Year's 1898—The Sound if Concentrated, Would Pierce the Continent.

New York.—"Whereas, experience has taught us that on New Year's days and on May days, from the firing of guns, the planting of May poles and drunken drinking, there have resulted unnecessary waste of powder and much intoxication, with the bad practices and accidents that generally arise therefrom; therefore, we expressly forbid on New Year's and May days any firing or planting of May poles or beating of the drum; nor shall there be at those times any wines, brandy or beers dealt out."

This was the proclamation issued by Peter Stuyvesant, New York's first mayor, and it's a long journey in time from that obstinate old Dutchman to Gouty Mayor Strong, the last of the line.

Old Peter Stuyvesant lies in St. Mark's Place, right near the Bowery, and if noise can wake the dead, there are those who live in the hope that the one-legged hero of Dutch colonial days will assist at the funeral of Greater New York on the night of December 31, 1897.

There may have been noises on previous New Year's nights, chimes may have been rung, bands may have played out the old and in the new, horns may have been tooted in and out of consonance, but never in all its history will there be such another celebration as is promised for this year.

It is the funeral of the old, and the birth of the new, the death of a great name and the birth of a greater, and if the noises that will announce both of these facts to the world, could be concentrated into one long blast, it would be heard in China and in Honolulu, and the horn that would blow it would stretch the full length of Greater New York, and not even Chauncey Depew could master it.

The wake of old New York will live in history, for it is to be marked by speech-making of a most extraordinary character, by a musical programme just as remarkable, and by shouting more wonderful than either.

The great bands of the city will play out the old and in the new on the steps of City Hall, the Chimes of Trinity and Grace, will ring more tuneful than ever, and when it is all over, a massive memorial volume is to tell the story of these last hours of a great city.

But the new city will have been born, and the celebrations will merge as the great clocks from a thousand towers strike the witching hour of twelve. From a little less than two million denizens it will have jumped at a bound to a population of 3,350,000 and to an area of 307½ square miles, overlaping even London in extent of territory. Its population, if stretched out in one long line, would reach from the City Hall to the suburbs of Chicago. It will have 3,000 miles of streets and 300 miles of splendid water front. It will have within its borders a thousand miles of street railway, 351 public schools, 25 colleges, 250 private schools, 1,150 churches and a public park area of 7,000 acres.

Such in brief is what the Greater New York will be when the midnight hour has struck, December 31, 1897. But what it will be a few years hence is a matter of most interesting conjecture. The most important of all the great bridges that have been planned and on which construction has been commenced is that which it is proposed to build across the North River. This bridge is designed to bring passengers on the trunk lines from the West directly on to Manhattan Island. The bill providing for its construction was approved by President Cleveland in 1894. Since then capitalists have been busy negotiating for funds for the construction of this enormous work. While no work of construction has been done yet worth speaking of the promoters of the enterprise hope to get right down to business next spring.

The public work which promises to add most to the glory and prosperity of New York, however, is the proposed rapid transit system to run north and south through the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx. This is a public work which the people have been planning for for ten years back. Laws have been framed which provide for the construction of this road, or rather this system of roads, at the expense of the municipality. They will be mainly underground in the borough of Manhattan. Through the borough of Bronx the tracks will run on elevated and viaduct structures.

It will be but a matter of a year or two when visitors to New York will notice the absence of United States mail wagons on the public streets, so far as the borough of Manhattan is concerned. A corporation, patronized by the Government, is now establishing a pneumatic-tube system for the transferring of all mail matter on Manhattan Island. The system has already been thoroughly tested and is a success.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's Day will be celebrated as usual in New York, no extraordinary programme having been arranged in honor of the great sun that will shine on the new city. Judge Van Wyck will assume the reins of government, having already taken the oath of office, as have all the other newly-elected officials, and the usual hand-shaking congratulatory and floral offering will follow. But in the residential part of the city it will be as quiet as on a Sunday. The custom of New Year's calling has long since gone out and in its place we have especially fine afternoon religious services to which all swelldom goes after it has looked after its pet charity.

Of course the saloons will do the usual thriving business, but not as of old. Formerly New York saloons of the better grade made preparations for the holiday trade, as it is called, and the doors and windows of saloons were draped with holly, and at the further end of the bar was always to be seen the huge china punch bowl, which attracted convivial spirits as a beehive attracts flies. This form of holiday celebration had of course, its origin in England, though interspersed somewhat with the Dutch notions which were for so long a time predominant in old New York.

Nowadays holiday drinks are no longer very popular in New York. The Germans and German-Americans, who are the steadiest customers of saloons, drink beer on holidays as at other times. Many of those who at other times drink beer take to ale (sometimes ale with pepper in it), when the weather gets cold. The American partiality for straight whiskey withstands any outside adventitious allurement of holiday drinks, and should the weather be cold, hot rum, or hot Irish or Scotch whiskey is popularly accepted as a fair substitute for either egg nog or brandy punch.

The saloons, it is true, are still decorated with holiday greens, but it is the cheaper fir instead of the red-berried holly that is seen. A new and by no means picturesque feature of the celebration is the man who ornaments the looking glass of the saloon with illustrations drawn in soap. In many saloons the holiday drinks are no longer a source of profit, for these are the drinks that are given away—whiskey in original packages. Some saloons close on New Year's Day to spare the owner's generosity.

A good many of their European majesties are dissatisfied with mere crowns of gold and strive for those of laurel. Queen Elizabeth of Roumania sent the editor of the Revue des Deux Mondes a novel; the late Queen of Holland sent him historical studies, revised by Renan; the Comte de Paris sent him an article on English Trade Unions; the Duc d'Aumale sent him fragments of his forthcoming "History of the Condes;" Prince Henry of Orleans narrated in his pages his adventures with M. Bonvalat in Thibet.

TOOTING IN THE NEW YEAR AT TRINITY'S PORTALS.

Jack—"That Miss Beverly, to whom I bowed just now, is a regular Klondike."

Tom—"That so? Rich?"

Jack—"Yes; also cold and distant."—Chicago News.

THOUSANDS SING IN CHORUS.

A City Whose Industry Is the Raising of Birds.

Andreasberg and Its Queer Doings—Sending Out Canaries By the Hundred Thousand.

There are those who imagine that the supply of canary birds is furnished by this country; but the canary-raising industry is on an exceedingly small scale in the United States compared with the industry in Andreasberg, Hanover, Prussia, where canary culture is and has been for over a century the principal occupation of the entire community.

Andreasberg, a village containing about 3,000 inhabitants, nestling against Jordan Heights, in the Harz Mountains, 28 miles northeast of Gottingen. Out of the 476 homes in this melody-steeped village all but 100 are devoted to breeding and training canaries for markets all over the civilized world.

Some idea of the extent of this little town's remarkable industry may be obtained when it is stated that the product is from 100,000 to 300,000 birds yearly, and the annual income from $250,000 to $300,000. Of course other towns in Belgium and Switzerland are engaged in canary culture, but on a much smaller scale than Andreasberg. This village also derives an income of from $50,000 to $100,000 annually from the sale of the unique bird-cages manufactured by its skillful inhabitants. When business is dull in the immense silver mines in this neighborhood, the miners lay aside their picks and shovels and earn a living by raising canaries. This is not a precarious method of obtaining a livelihood, as the demand for well-trained singing-birds is constant, immense numbers being shipped daily for export.

In Andreasberg several people earn large salaries as bird teachers and their services are in great demand. These instructors, both men and women, possess cultivated voices and can imitate the tones which the canaries can most readily reproduce. The teachers train their feathered pupils daily, going from house to house, and each trainer has regular hours for giving lessons in the gentle art of warbling.

The method of training canaries to sing consists in giving the bird a scale constantly repeated, the teacher either whistling or singing the notes. Sometimes a bird is taught to sing a popular air by being confined in a separate room where he hears no sound except the notes of a musical-box, that continually plays the air which he is expected to learn. The result of such training is marvelous.

In the largest canary "henneries," as they are called, the trained birds are frequently used as instructors to the young canaries. In this way thousands are able to follow a single expert songster and soon become more or less proficient. Of course the birds that develop either peculiar trills or a wide range of melody command higher prices than those that are less accomplished singers.

All novices, when the lesson begins, are put in separate cages, so covered that they cannot see one another, and thus their attention, not being distracted, is fixed on their teacher.

The Germans have distinct names for designating the different notes of the birds. For instance, each sound is called a "tour," the trill tour, coarse tour, water tour, lisping tour, bell tour, nightingale tour, cluck (hen) tour, etc. The sweetest and most admired of these is the nightingale tour. The expert trainer thoroughly understands just how to bring out and develop the "tours" of which each bird is capable. Efforts have frequently been made to make canaries produce the nightingale effect by putting in nightingales, but it seems that canaries refuse to recognize them as their own species and will learn only the human imitation of the nightingale's inimitable song.

Trainers are often successful in teaching canaries to produce unique effects. Sometimes a clever bird will sing in two separate tones at the same time, each one as clear as a bell. The effect is wonderful.

The canary originally came from the Islands which bear its name. In 1748, when Henry of Spain, the "Royal Sailor," conquered the Canary Isles, his men discovered the charming yellow songsters and brought some of them back to Spain, where it was called the "Sugar Bird." It soon became an article of trade and the fine singers brought high prices. The entire trade in canaries was controlled by Spain, which passed a law prohibiting the exportation of female canary birds; but one day a Spanish ship, having on board some of the birds, was wrecked off the coast of Italy and driven ashore to the Isle of Elba. Here the birds increased and the Italians, learning their value, cultivated them and did a thriving trade. From Italy the traffic in canaries spread north to Tyrol, thence to Germany and Switzerland.

Many towns like Andreasberg took up the industry and the natives thrived. Hundreds of men travelled with trained canaries, creating a sensation all throughout Europe and the East, and amassed fortunes by means of their feathered performers.

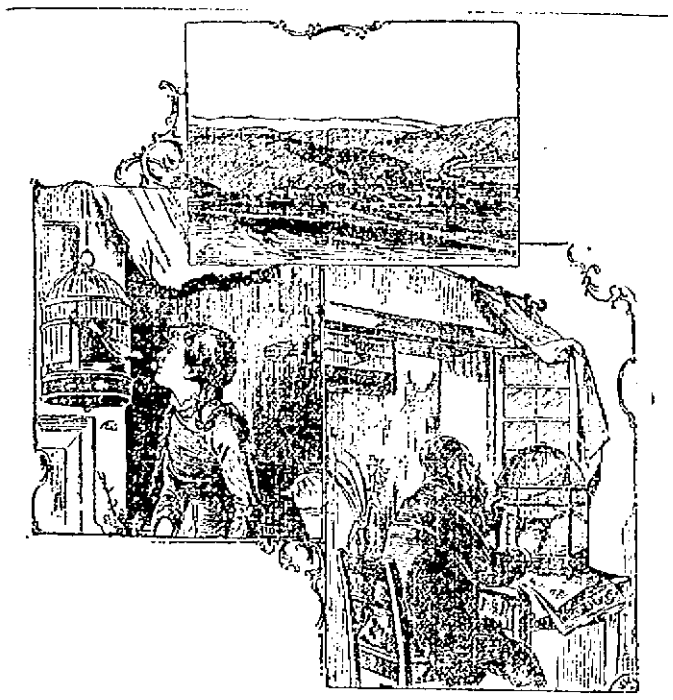
About half a century ago the importation of canaries to America began. This new departure immensely benefitted Andreasberg, making it the most important canary-breeding market in the world.

The reason the Harz Mountain canaries are so highly prized is because the Germans have always looked to the development of fine-shaped birds, while the English pay more attention to color effect. This the Andreasberg breeders have thrown aside and made a reputation as well as more money by developing the singing capacity of the canaries.

The Dutch canary, by years of cultivation, shows a diminutive, swan-like neck and high shoulders, with curly feathers on the breast and wings.

The English have succeeded in bringing out the "lizard" canary, with olive-green back and striped like a gopher; also the pure yellow, green-brown and gold-yellow. The only canary resembling the Andreasberg bird is the breed raised in Norwich. London canaries are larger than the German birds, and those raised in Manchester are twice the size.

German canary-raisers vary the color of the birds from dark yellow to orange, up to whitish yellow and pure white; from brown-yellow to reddish-brown; and from gray-green to black-green. These changes of hue in the plumage are effected by means of various condiments mixed with the food given the canaries.



SCENES IN ANDREASBERG, THE HOME OF THE CANARY.

Arabian horses manifest remarkable courage in battle. It is said that when a horse of this breed finds himself wounded and perceives that he will not be able to bear his rider much longer he quickly retires from the conflict, bearing his master to a place of safety, while he has still sufficient strength. But if, on the other hand, the rider is wounded and falls to the ground, the faithful animal remains beside him, unmindful of danger, neighing until assistance is brought.

A considerable percentage of the 16,000 Portugese in the United States are whalers on the Pacific coast; so many, indeed, that a greater number of Portugese are engaged in whaling than any other nationality in the country. As Portugal has a long coast line and a comparatively sparse inland population, it is easy to guess that a large proportion of its people is made up of seafaring men, and these fine sailors are scattered all over the civilized world.

A fool's company is not hard to find.

GLEANED FROM THE NEWS.

Life on a South African mining property can hardly be monotonous. The report of a traveler fresh from the Cape, gives a curious insight into one phase of labor on the Rand. It used to be the custom of the Kaffir, on receiving his salary, usually $5 per week, to sally forth and invest all his earnings in bottles of brandy. He would then return to his hut, squat down, and drink it like beer until he succumbed. This went on regularly among the mining staff of all the large companies until, in order to prevent a weekly cessation of labor, the companies adopted the method of inclosing all their native employes inside a compound and shutting them in like prisoners until their time of service had elapsed. Visitors to the compound often take in a pound or so of the native tobacco, for a handful of which the Kaffirs, under stress of their deprivation of tobacco as well as liquor, will often gladly exchange fine old native bracelets and knobkerries. The method of smoking is peculiar. After the pipe is filled several long pulls are taken and the smoke swallowed. The bowl is then taken off; the stem is inserted in a bowl of water and the water is sucked through it and swallowed also. Then comes the tug of war. The man who can hold out longest without coughing is considered a hero. After a short time the smoker will convulsively cough for fifteen or twenty minutes, and one can quite understand why the Kaffir is not allowed to buy tobacco. In the case of the traveler, who gives these details, the mine managers asked him to cease bartering the vile stuff for native trinkets, otherwise the whole relay would be unfit to go down when their time came. The Kaffir usually returns home after six months or a year at the mines, and is considered a rich man. He buys two or more wives and takes his ease while they do all the work.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Askins—They say that Broadhead is an accomplished linguist.

Grimshaw—Yes; he speaks six different languages—English, baby talk, society gabble, baseball dialect, bill-of-fare French and the New Jersey language.—New York World.

To get the good out of the years we must learn how to live each hour well.

Honesty has never found a substitute.

GOMPERS' ABLE REJOINDER

To Secy. Gage of the U. S. Treasury in Behalf of Labor.

He Politely Punctures the Theories of the Great Banker—The Evils of the Gold Standard Ably Exposed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has made reply in an open letter to Secretary Gage's recent letter, taking exceptions to the resolutions passed by the federation in reference to Mr. Gage's financial bill. Mr. Gompers in substance says:

"We do not charge you with ignorance, or allege any evil purpose on your part, as implied in your letter. We have the greatest respect for your probity and integrity. The wage earners of America represented in the American Federation of Labor believe that the position you have taken in regard to the retirement of our greenback currency is antagonistic to their interests, and they are opposed to your plan for more thoroughly committing this country to the gold standard.

"The evils which have resulted from our adherence to the gold standard are those that ever must grow from a dishonest measure of value. Any measure of values that forces an unjust distribution of the products of labor, that deprives producers of the fruits of their toil and cuts down wages and profits, thereby destroys the incentive to enterprise and leads to industrial stagnation, enforced idleness, distress and public suffering. Anything that reduces the total money value of the products of labor must increase the share of the money lender and creditor and decrease the share to be divided among employes and wage earners. To increase the value of money must decrease the value of the products of labor.

"If our adherence to the gold standard has caused money to grow dearer, you must admit that the gold standard has done injury to our people, brought distress to wage earners and employers and discouraged enterprise. It is not alone to a cheapening of the labor cost of production, but also to an actual appreciation of gold that the fall in prices since 1872 has been in great part due; and this appreciation has grown out of the demonetization of silver which has increased the demands for gold. You must abandon the advocacy of gold monometallism unless you can show that the demonetization of silver and the doubling of the demand for gold resultant therefrom have not caused gold to grow dearer and prices lower to the great injury of all producers of wealth.

"The retirement of our national greenback currency and all government paper money and the substitution of bank notes would make the banks guardian over our volume of money and so of our measure of values; it would enable the banks working in the interest of the speculators to cause movements in prices with great certainty, enable them to depress prices by contracting the currency and raise prices by expanding the same. It would make the banks the masters, the men slaves and would enrich the few and impoverish the multitude. Your plan involves the proposition of the retirement of our national paper currency and greenbacks, upon which we pay no interest at all, and the issuance of bonds in its stead in the sum of $200,000,000, upon which we shall be required to pay interest."

NOW WILLING TO SUBMIT

Fall River Carders Will Accept Cut Down Under Protest.

Many Girls and Women Advocated a Strike—Other Labor Notes of Interest to Toilers.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 30.—The largest meeting in the history of the carders' association was held last night, about 700 of the 1000 members being present. Secretary Tansey reported the anti-strike resolution from the conference committee, and advocated its adoption. He was followed by many of the younger members, including a number of girls and women, who favored a strike. The vote taken showed a very even division of sentiment, 361 voting for the adoption of the resolution and 293 against it.

After the meeting Secretary Tansey said that the strike sentiment was much stronger than he had anticipated. Many cool and clear arguments were offered by girls, who spoke intelligently of direct reductions made during the past year. Man yof them said they preferred the street to the mill at reduced wages.

This is the first of the general meetings, others following today and Friday night. The carders were supposed to be strongly against a strike; therefore the closeness of the ballot is a great surprise. It indicates more surprise at the other meetings.

CHINESE DECREE

The Emperor Forebodes Impending Calamity.

OWING TO THE PREDICTED ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

In Accordance With Ancient Custom.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A copy of the recent curious decree issued by the emperor of China to fend off the wrath of providence as indicated in the eclipse predicted for New Year's day, has been received. It is pronounced by experts to be a masterful exhibition of typical Chinese statesmanship in view of the existing critical condition of affairs in the celestial empire. The decree reads as follows:

"According to the chun chiu (spring and autumn annals) it has been stated that an eclipse of the sun on the first day of the year betokens an impending calamity; hence the sovereigns of every dynasty which has preceded us have always made a point whenever an eclipse of the sun is prognosticated to undergo self-abasement and humble themselves before heaven in order to avert the wrath from above. During the reigns of their majesties, Kang Hsi and Chien Lung (1662-1796), there were observed two eclipses of the sun which fell on a New Year's day; and now according to the board of astronomy, the first day of the 24th year of our reign (22nd Jan., 1898) there will be yet another eclipse of the sun. We are filled with forebodings at this news and hasten to seek within ourselves for sins which may have thus brought the wrath of high heaven upon the land.

"We further command that the ceremonies of congratulations usually held on New Year's day in the Lalho throne hall be curtailed and only ordinary obeisances be made, the place being changed to the Chien Tsing throne hall instead of the Lalho throne hall. The banquet usually given to the imperial clansmen on New Year's day must also be stopped, and when the eclipse occurs, let all members of the court wear sober garments and assemble in the inner palace before the altar set up to heaven to pray for forbearance and mercy to the country at large.

"This is so far as shall concern ourselves to show our desire to propitiate high heaven, but as her majesty, the empress dowager, is an elder and senior, it is but right that the full ceremonies be observed in paying the court's obeisances on New Year's day to her majesty. Let all the yamans concerned take note."

INSANITY NO BAR.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The authorities of the county have made a new departure in criminal procedure, which is expected to deter murderers from interposing the plea of insanity.

Mrs. E. Parpp-Wilson, who was accused of murdering her husband in this city Sept. 25, 1894, was adjudged insane before her trial took place and she was sent to an asylum. After her recovery she was taken in charge by the authorities of this city, and will be brought to trial on the murder charge in the superior court next week. District Attorney Barnes says this plan is to be adhered to in all similar cases.

HIDING PLACE UNSAFE.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 30.—Lawrence Walters, an aged farmer, residing three miles north of Wayland, Cass county, had no faith in banks and instead placed his savings, consisting of about $2500 in greenbacks, $4000 in government bonds, notes, mortgages and other valuable papers, in a tin pan. This he buried beneath the floor in his farm house some months ago, and he has been in the habit of visiting the hiding place every day to see if his fortune was safe. Tuesday, when he made the customary visit, he discovered that robbers had been there, for his fortune had disappeared. The old man is almost crazed over his loss.

DOUBT OF O'NEIL'S GUILT.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—A special to The Union from Williamstown says: Dr. S. D. Woodbridge of Williams college, who attended the trial of John O'Neil at Greenfield as a witness for the defense, though he was not called to the stand, states that he will make an endeavor, either through O'Neil's attorneys or personally, to show to Governor Wolcott that there is a reasonable doubt of O'Neil's guilt, because it was not proven at the trial that Mrs. McCloud was murdered. He heard all the evidence and is thoroughly convinced that the state failed to prove this fact. He feels that the doubt is so strong that it would be unjust to hang O'Neil, however conclusive might be the proof of his connection with the crime.

The doctor is considered very prominent authority, and considerable weight must therefore be placed in what he says. The evidence is startling in its nature, and Dr. Woodbridge claims conclusive. It is especially sensational because at the trial the theory that it was a murder was hardly questioned. It does not attempt to show that Mrs. McCleland was not murdered, but it does show almost absolutely that she might have died a natural death under all the circumstances which were shown at the trial. It then shows that the state did not introduce any proof to make it certain that she did not die from such a cause.

CUBAN WRETCHEDNESS.

Havana, Dec. 30.—The correspondent of the Madrid Imparcial, who has ridden over a greater part of the island, writes to his paper that he saw at San Jose de Lajas, this province, 4500 reconcentrados thrown into the streets or dying in wrecked huts, mere living skeletons. He stated that 10,000 have died within a year.

Several correspondents describe the horrible misery, due to fevers and sickness, in different towns in the province of Santa Clara. There are many abandoned without shelter, medicine or medical assistance. The winter season increases the suffering among them. The women are half nude, with their naked infants wasted with cold and hunger.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 30.—The will of Hannah C. Hubbard, recently deceased, gives $26,000 in public bequests. Among the items are $5000 to the Amesbury and Salisbury home for aged women; $5000 for a building fund for the Amesbury public library; $2000 for the Anna Jaques hospital, Newburyport; $1000 for the Christian church Sunday school, Amesbury, for the purchase of books, and $2000 to the same society; $5000 to the Universalist church, Amesbury, the income to be used for pulpit supply; $3000 to the trustees of the Salisbury cemetery. The old homestead is left to the Christian church for use as a parsonage.

CONFLAGRATION IN HAYTI.

Portauprince, Hayti, Dec. 30.—A fire, which assumed considerable proportions on account of the lack of water to supply the pumps, destroyed 800 houses, including a number of warehouses, a hotel, the church of St. Joseph and its parsonage. About 3000 people were rendered homeless.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the City league bowling tournament at the Highland club last evening the Highlands defeated the Lowells by 81 pins. Howes of the Lowell was high man with a single of 202 and a three-string total of 512. The score:

Highlands—Corwin, 498; Hartwell, 438; Barton, 465; Anderson, 477; Dickerman, 465. Total, 2343.

Lowells—Boulger, 418; Halstead, 419; Howes, 512; Kelley, 478; Fullerton, 477. Total, 2304.

In the City league tournament at Les Miserables alleys last evening the Pawtuckets defeated the Wamesits by a margin of 130 pins. Peters of the Wamesits had the highest single of 211 while Weston of the Pawtuckets was the only one passing the 600 mark for a three string total. The score:

Pawtuckets—Weston, 527; Knapp, 423; Fletcher, 416; Sawyer, 471; Clagston, 497. Total, 2334.

Wamesits—Brainard, 474; McCormick, 442; Peters, 435; Wilson, 420; Dearth, 429. Total, 2201.

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Headquarters Lowell Democratic City Committee.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 23, 1897.

The Democrats of Lowell are requested to assemble in their respective ward rooms on Thursday, December 30, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing members of the Democratic City Committee for the year 1898.

The caucuses shall be called and conducted, under the caucus act of 1895, and acts in amendments thereto.

The chairman of the ward shall call the caucus to order and serve until a chairman is chosen.

Each ward shall be entitled to nine members who shall constitute the ward committee of the Democratic City Committee. The Australian ballot will be used.

Per order Democratic City Committee.
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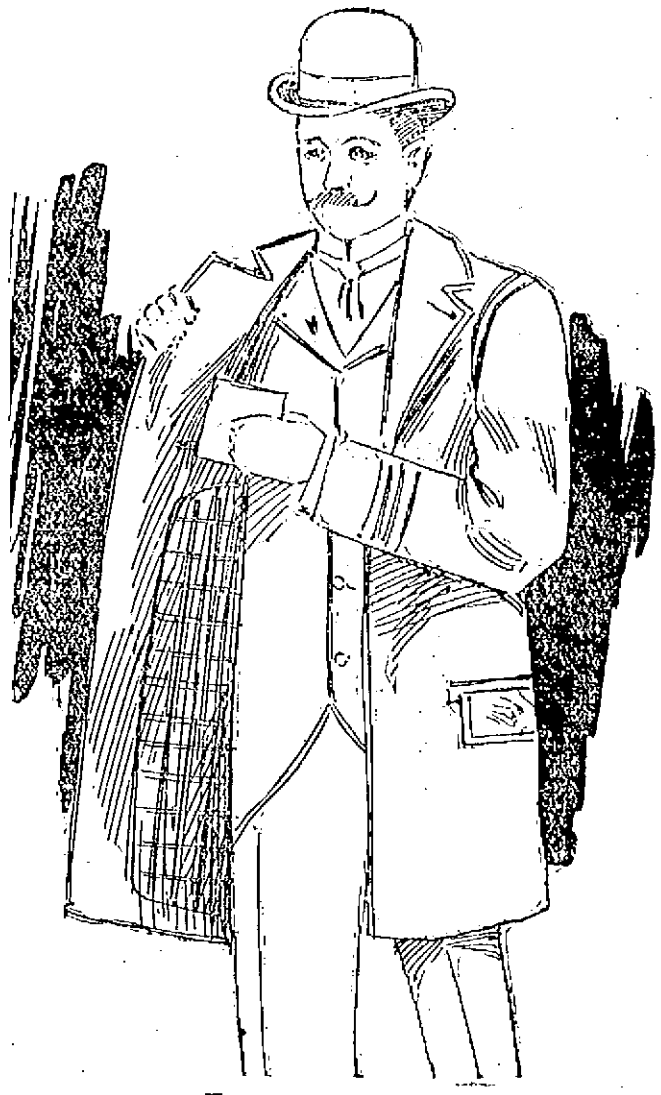

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*§7 20	8 10	*8 30	§9 10
*§7 33	8 18	*9 00	§9 35
§7 39	8 60	9 10	§10 25
*7 45	8 37	10 17	11 30
*8 00	8 49	10 45	11 55
9 15	10 25	11 30	§12 07
9 40	10 40	12 00	§12 66
11 00	12 04	*1 00	§1 38
§11 42	12 25	2 00	3 04
§12 16	1 06	*3 00	§3 35
1 40	2 50	3 47	5 03
3 00	4 25	4 14	§5 32
*§3 50	4 35	*5 00	6 45
4 25	5 30	5 35	6 35
§5 22	6 15	5 47	6 57
5 44	7 10	6 14	7 30
*§6 23	7 00	*7 33	§8 05
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§7 20	8 10	2 15	§3 05
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To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6 30	8 03	7 30	8 34
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10 53	12 02	11 30	1 05
12 03	1 37	*2 15	3 19
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John Mack, heretofore General Agent of the New York Life Insurance company, has ceased his connection with that company. All persons having business with the New York Life Insurance company will apply to the new General agent, John H. Riordan, Central Block.

The percentage of the more difficult cases they consider abnormally large here, due partly from neglect of the eyes and partly from abusing the eyes by improper lenses. These men don't charge you five dollars just to look at you; in fact, they make no charge for consultation.

J. A. Paquette, the well known hair dresser who has been employed at P. Lynch's for the past three years, has bought out a share in the barber shop in Runel's block. He will be pleased to see all of his friends at any time. He will guarantee you nice work in every way. Call at Room 16, Runels' Block.

J. L. Chalifoux's annual sweeping out sale commences tomorrow. People who have waited for a favorable opportunity to buy should now call. Their most sanguine expectations will be realized, by his unparalleled reductions. Read in another column some of the bargains enumerated. An entire page would have been needed for a complete detail of this extraordinary sale.

NEEDLESS ALARM.

The alarm from box 4 at 5.45 Wednesday afternoon called the fire department to Cheney's bobbin shop on Dutton street. A hot shafting box had set fire to the woodwork above it. Before the arrival of the department, the employes succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

STATISTICS ON EYESIGHT.

A Sun reporter talked with Drs. Babbitt & Son, the well known opticians and eye specialists at 16 John street who kindly gave him the following facts based on examinations of several hundred pair of eyes. About 35 per cent. are Presbyopic, 18 per cent Astigmatic, 14 per cent. Hypermetropic Thirteen per cent. have Muscular Asthenopia, 8 per cent. are Myopic, 6 per cent. Strabismic, and 8 per cent. cataract or other troubles which cannot be helped with lenses.

ENJOYABLE SOCIABLE.

The graduates and students of the New England Business University enjoyed a sociable at the university rooms last evening. Mr. A. W. Young, the proprietor of the school looked after the enjoyment of guests and there were committees, as follows: General entertainment, Mr. Miller, chairman; Misses McNairn, Fox, and Archibald, and Mr. H. W. Tewksbury; reception committee, Mr. Wyman, chairman; Miss Wright, Messrs. Thissell, Kennedy and Tewksbury; refreshment committee, Mr. A. W. Young, chairman; Misses McNairn, McGauvran, Hood, and Tarte.

Among those taking part in the program were Miss Nason and Miss Hight, pianists; Miss Bothwell, recitations; Miss Fox, songs; and others.

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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Fifth Street Baptist church held its annual meeting last night. Reports were received and then the following officers were elected:

Mr. Henry C. Miller was re-elected clerk; Deacon Luther C. Stiles was re-elected treasurer. Auditors, Mr C. W. Nevers, Mr. Alex. Leggett, Standing committee, pastor, deacons, clerk, ex-officio, Mr. R. B. Thomas, Mr. Jno. B. Brown, Mr. Levi L. Hall, Mr. C. E. Thissell, and Mr. J. W. Collins.

Mr. Roscoe B. Thomas was for the seventh time chosen superintendent of the Bible school; assistant superintendent, Melvin Eames; secretary, Harry Leighton.

Mr. James B. Gilman was re-elected superintend of the Hildreth mission with Mr. M. M. Lord as assistant. Mr. Milo Dudley was chosen secretary.

We have been appointed assignees for the firm of Bray and Holmes, and shall sell by public auction at C. F. Keyes' commission rooms, old Boston & Maine station, Green street, Jan. 1, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., 12 tons of baled hay and about 3 tons of straw to the highest bidders for cash.

(Signed) Burnham & Davis, Assignees.

MATRIMONIAL.

At St. Michael's parsonage, Tuesday afternoon the marriage of Napoleon Bonaparte Lafleur and Miss Mary E. Cavanaugh took place. Mr. Smith Adams was best man, and Miss Cavanaugh, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur have gone on a wedding trip to Washington and on their return they will reside at 257 Walker street.

MARCILE—CADARETTE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Marcile on upper Moody street a quiet wedding took place yesterday in which their son, Aradinis Marcile was united in matrimony to Miss Rosanna Cadarette of this city. Among the wedding presents were many beautiful and costly articles. There were quite a number of out of town guests, among them being Mr. Peter Bressitt, Concord, Mass., Mr. Shacko Gosselin of Manchester, N. H., Mr. Victor Morill of Lawrence, Mr. Henry Delvitt of Haverhill and Gideon and George Parent of Cusuegee Falls, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Marcile will be at home after January 6 at 352 Moody street.

MacLAREN—KERR.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the residence of Rev. W. A. Bartlett on Walker street at 8.30 o'clock last evening, when Mr. Charles MacLaren and Miss Mary R. Kerr were made one. An informal reception followed the ceremony at their future home, 25 Ash street and was attended by about 50 of their most intimate friends. Those who received with the newly married pair were: Mr. Edward MacLaren and Mrs. McLaren, the brother and mother of the groom. Many useful and costly presents were bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren.

DOLMAN—GIBERSON.

The marriage of Dr. N. H. Dolman of Philadelphia and Miss Ada Gibeson of Lowell, took place last evening at the bride's home, 100 Westford street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Billings of the Unitarian church. Dr. Dolman is a very prominent instructor in prosthetic dentistry at the Philadelphia Dental College, and Miss Giberson is an extremely popular young lady and a graduate of the Lowell Hospital.

Guests from out of town were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones, Mrs. J. F. Kennard, Mrs. John Whitten, and Mr. Percy Whitten of Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. H. Hopkins of Millbury, Mass.; Mrs. Francis Parker of Lynn, Mass.; Mr. Robert Barker of Hudson, Mass.; and Dr. W. D. Kinney of Boston, cousin of the bride. The happy couple leave for home tonight and they will reside at 119 Arch street, Philadelphia.

HUSTWICK—GATELY.

At St. Peter's parochial residence, Rev. Fr. McDonough united in marriage Mr. Thomas Bennett Hustwick and Miss Minnie M. Gately. Miss Helen Gately, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Henry S. Courtney was best man.

The bride looked charming in a dress of white brocaded satin with duchess lace and pearl trimmings. The bridesmaid was gowned in pink satin.

A reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hannah J. Gately, 69 Appleton street, followed the ceremony and many friends of the happy couple called with good wishes and more substantial evidences of their esteem. The D. L. Page company served a wedding collation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hustwick left immediately after the reception for a honeymoon trip and on their return will live at 67 South Loring street. They will be at home after February 1.

LITTLEHALE—WHITNEY.

Mr. William L. Littlehale and Miss Georgie E. Whitney, both of this city, were united in marriage last evening by Rev. O. H. Denney. The ceremony took place at 7.30 o'clock at Mr. Denney's residence, 78 Varney street. Miss Hattie L. Whitney, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and the best man was Mr. Lorenzo A. Ayer.

The happy couple will receive the congratulations of their many friends and will be at home after January 15th at No. 535 Fletcher street.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The children of the High street Sunday school had their Christmas tree yesterday afternoon. Supper was served by the King's daughters.

After supper, the children marched to the auditorium of the church, singing Christmas carols on the way. A very handsome tree was arranged on the platform, Miss Edith Stott in charge. A fireplace was beside the tree, and Mr. E. W. Clark, as Santa Claus, made his appearance down the chimney in a realistic manner, much to the delight of the little ones. Miss Louise Conant gave a recitation, and Miss Jennie Bullis sang "Santa Claus Has Come to Town," very sweetly. The singing was in the care of Miss M. Theresa White, Miss Sarah Butterworth presiding at the organ.

PLEASANT WHIST PARTY.

Miss Catherine L. Kneeland of 18 Eliot street gave a delightful party at her home last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Gertrude B. Richardson of Bethel, Vt.

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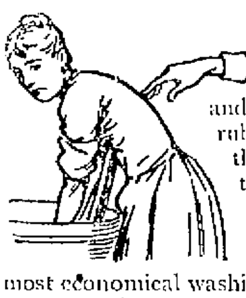

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We shall cut prices in every department, nothing will be spared. Our loss will be your gain. Our special offering today will be in our

Dress Goods Dept.

Which is about 50 Dress Patterns of Silk and Wool and All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, worth at least 50c. a yard. Marked down to 25c. per yard.

Our entire line of High Grade Foreign and Domestic Weaves in Novelties and Plain Goods, Scotch Mixtures and Plaids reduced to about one half their original prices.

Silks for linings, Waists, Skirts and Dresses are almost given away.

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Sale Commences Friday Morning.

Now Gentlemen Is Your Chance.

98c. worth $1.50—Men's fine all wool worsted black clay vests—all sizes.

$3.49, worth $7.00—Men's all wool dark invisible plaid cheviot suits, made full shoulder facings.

$3.48, worth $7.00—Men's blue or black cheviot suits, heavy weight.

$3.98, worth $8.00—Heavy dark plaid, all wool cheviot, men's double breasted sack suits, made with full shoulder facings.

$4.95, worth $8.00—Several styles of men's heavy all wool cheviot, single breasted sack suits in combinations of brown and green mixture.

$5.48—For gentlemen, fine Oxford gray tricot lawn, all wool cassimere men's sack suits—A great bargain.

$5.95, worth $9.00—Dark brown and green mixed nigger head cheviot men's sack suits—very nobby.

$5.98, worth $8.00—All wool black clay worsted men's suits—a rare bargain.

$6.98, worth $10.00—Extra heavy fine all wool worsted black clay men's suits—very dressy.

$7.85, worth $13.00—Heavy wide wale blue, fine all wool worsted sack suits, —made with full shoulder facings.

$7.95 worth $12.00—Extra heavy brown clay worsted men's sack suits—very genteel and neat.

$7.95, worth $12.00—Heavy blue and red mixed plaid Scotch cheviot men's suits—very nobby.

$9.95 worth $15.00—Fancy broken plaid worsted men's suits—full shoulder facings and satin piped.

$9.95, worth $15.00—Heavy (2203) fine black all wool clay worsted men's suits—satin piped—a great bargain.

$11.95, worth $18.00—Dark brown plaid fine Scotch cheviot, men's suits, full facings and satin piped.

Men's Overcoats Deep and Sweeping Reductions.

$3.49, worth $6.00—Men's blue or black beaver overcoats well finished and good fitters.

$5.95, worth $10.00—Fine black kersey overcoats—latest cut—full shoulder facings.

$7.95, worth $13.00—Very fine wool black kersey overcoats, satin piped, and full shoulder facings.

$9.95, worth $15.00—Genuine Middlesex mills fine black kersey overcoats, raw edge and excellently trimmed.

The Middlesex mills have recently advanced 40 per cent. the price of this kersey.

$9.95, marked down from $15.00—Fine brown kersey, raw edge box overcoats, satin shoulders, full facings, and satin piped—an extremely nobby top coat.

$10.95, down from $15.00—Nobby patch pocket light brown Bedford cord overcoats. Latest of the season.

$14.95, down from $25.00—Gentlemen's extra fine olive brown kersey overcoats medium length, raw edge, satin piped, Skinner's satin sleeve linings—a very dressy garment.

$14.95, worth $22.00—Gentlemen's fine extra heavy covert cloth ribbed overcoats, satin shoulder linings. The dressiest garment of the season.

$14.95, down from $25.00—A superfine black kersey overcoat, correct length, satin piped and satin shoulder, nobby plaid lining, a very dressy garment.

$7.95, worth $13.00—Heavy light brown Melton box overcoats, large seams, satin shoulder, and sleeve lining.

$5.95, down from $10.00—Men's fine drab kersey overcoats, handsomely finished.

Boys' Ulsters Prices That None Can Match.

$1.98, marked down from $3.54 and $5—Odds and ends of Boys' Ulsters, of brown, gray, Oxford, and Scotch plaid, cassimere. Sizes, 4 to 15 years.

$2.98, marked down from $4, $5, and $6—Boys' Ulsters in heavy Oxford and black Melton, blue chinchilla and fancy plaid frieze.

$3.98, from $7.00—Boys' Ulsters in plain black or brown plaid frieze, blue chinchilla, and heavy fancy Scotch cheviots.

$4.98 from $8.00—Boys' Ulsters in extra heavy wool lined. Extra warm garment.

$5.98 from $10.00—Boys' Irish Frieze Ulsters in Oxford gray or brown. Fancy wool lining.

Men's Ulsters

$4.98, worth $7.00—Men's extra heavy Oxford gray Ulsters, heavy warm lining, cut extra long.

$5.98, worth $10.00—Men's extra heavy black frieze Ulsters, an extra warm garment.

$11.95, worth $25.00—Superfine black Melton men's Ulsters, tailor made handsomely lined and finished.

Children's Reefers

$1.50, worth $2.50—Children's blue Chinchilla Reefer, brass buttons, warmly lined.

$2.00, worth $3.00—Child's heavy Chinchilla Reefer, pearl buttons.

$3.00 worth $4.00—Child's Reefer, pearl buttons, braided handsomely.

Children's Suits from 79 cents upwards.

Men's Pants. What a Slaughter! but we must make the Sacrifice.

98c., worth 2.00—Men's heavy all wool gray cassimere pants, also dark brown union cassimere and black cheviot cassimere—the greatest bargain ever offered.

$1.49, worth $2.50—Men's heavy all wool cheviot pants, in a dozen different shades and styles. Never have such values been offered for this price.

$1.95, worth $3.50—Men's fancy black worsted striped all wool worsted pants—very dressy.

$1.98, worth $3.50—1500 pairs of pantaloons in fancy worsted fancy Scotch cheviot, fancy brown plaid cassimeres. The greatest bargain ever offered. These goods will never again be sold at this price—owing to the great advance in the price of raw wool.

$2.49, worth $1.00—6 styles of Men's pants in fancy cassimeres and fancy worsted.

$2.98, worth $5.00—20 styles of men's pants in fine heavy silk mixed cassimere. Scotch cheviot plaid, black fancy all wool worsteds, etc.

10c. a pair for gray satinet pants—sizes from 4 to 14 years.

23c., worth 45c., for double seat and double knee gray union cassimere pants—all sizes.

50c., worth 75c.—Boys' all wool cheviot knee pants—in different styles.

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THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

The weather indications for the ensuing twenty-four hours are as follows: For tonight and Friday. Colder, winds shifting to northwest. Probably fair Saturday.

ALMANAC, FRIDAY, DEC. 31

Sun rises—7:14; sets, 4:22.
Moon sets—12:29 p. m.
Moon rises—12:29 p. m.
High water—5:15 a. m.; 5:45 p. m.

BACKED BY MONEY

Bunco Reed's Bail Now Amounts to $28,000.

AND MANY OTHER CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

A Fall River Thief Captured Here.

Bunco Reed is a valuable "cuss," no mistake for already he stands his backers, $25,000 in cold cash with the end of their outlay not in sight yet.

The money they have parted with up to date is as follows: Clinton, $1,000; Lowell, $7000; Framingham, $2600; Brockton, $4600; Gardner, $7000; total, $25,000.

Besides this Col. W. A. Giles of Worcester, counsel for Reed, made an offer of settlement to Martin Wood who was gold-bricked out of $4,000. Col. Giles offered to settle the case for half the amount, but the proposition was declined.

As fast as Reed has been bailed out an officer from some other town has taken him and there are yet a few towns for him to visit, it is said.

THE GARDNER CASE.

Gardner, Dec. 29.—The Gardner case against John Reed was called in the local court at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Herbert L. Parker of Worcester was present, and he stated that he had another case which he intended to press should Reed appear.

Attorney W. A. Guild of Worcester, Reed's counsel, telephoned Clerk Boyce of the court during the forenoon asking that the first case here against Reed be continued until Saturday with default of bail. The court decided to continue the case until that day but with the understanding that should Reed appear Saturday his bail would be declared defaulted.

FALL RIVER THIEF CAPTURED.

Peter Corbett, alias Eldrick Corbett, aged 22 years, was arrested by Inspectors Laflamme and Allen yesterday on a warrant from Fall River charging him with the larceny of a gold watch chain, bicycle and $35 in money. The inspectors have been watching him for some time and they took him on Moody street yesterday.

He told them he had sold the wheel in one of the suburbs of Fall River. He was without money and had pawned the chain. The watch he had left in Little Canada where he had been stopping. Lately he has lived with his aunt on School street.

REED HAS SKIPPED.

HE WAS DEFAULTED IN COURT TODAY.

Bunco Reed has skipped. He failed to appear here today. Detective Murray was here this morning and also J. H. McMahon of Fitchburg as counsel for Reed. H. L. Parkhurst, Jr., of Worcester who represented Connecticut parties that wanted Reed arrested on a civil process for offences in the same line with those for which he was held, was also on hand. The hearing was continued to Saturday, and Reed was defaulted.

ALL ACQUITTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 30.—All the deputies and others who have been tried on a charge of participating in the Panama Canal intrigues have been acquitted.

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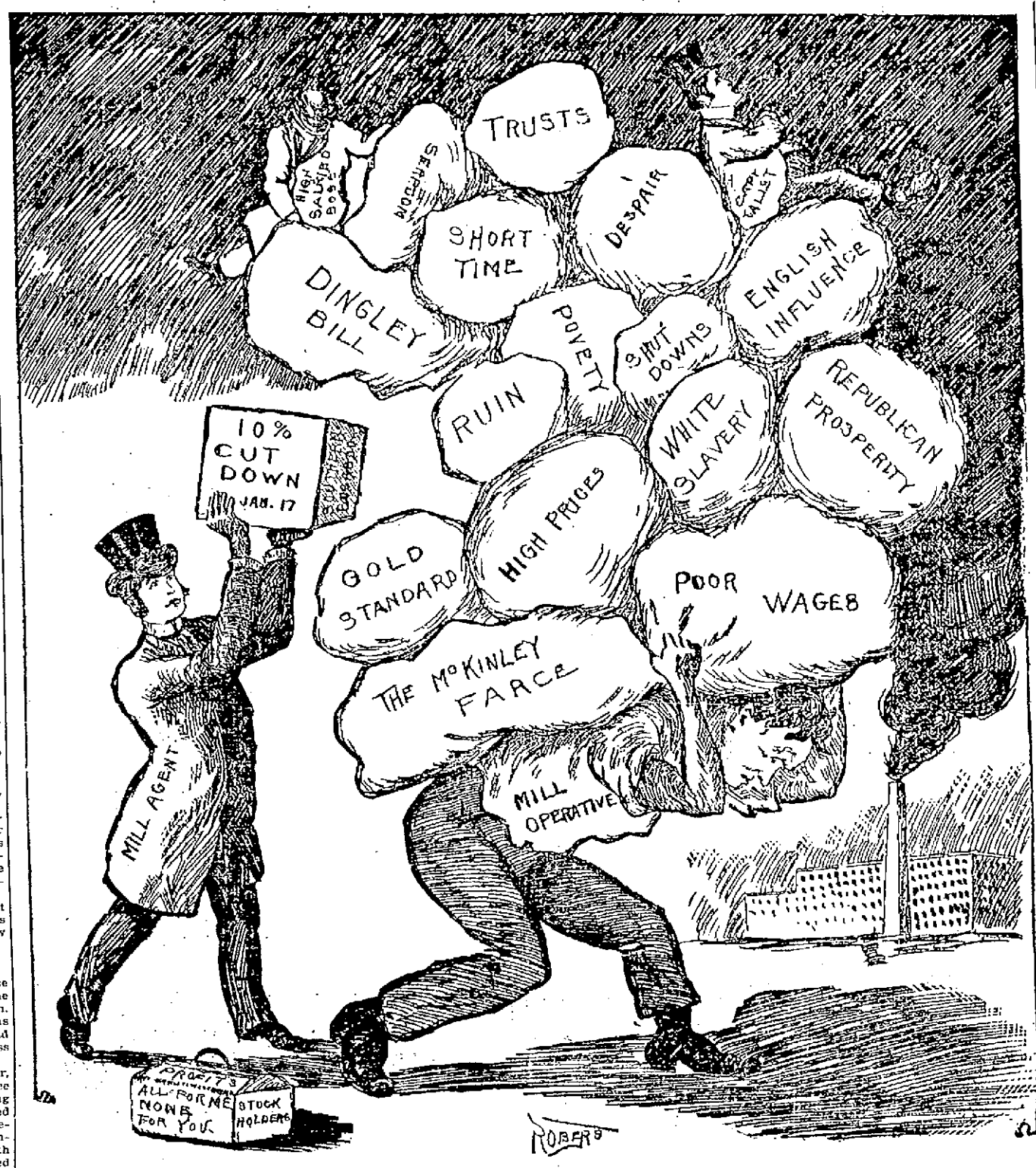

THE LAST STRAW THAT BREAKS THE CAMEL'S BACK.

MULE SPINNERS' MEETING

Want Conference With Cotton Mill Agents.

The Committee to Meet Agents Chosen—The Sentiment Divided Between Resistance and Submission to the Cut Down.

The crisis in the mill situation in this city will be probably be reached tomorrow night.

Last night the mule spinners held a special meeting at their hall in Middle street and it was the greatest and largest gathering in the history of the organization. The hall was too small to accommodate the operatives who wanted to take part in the proceedings.

Usually at meetings of the union, debate on important questions is confined to three of four members; last night there were thirty speakers. The principal speakers were Thomas F. Connelly and Michael H. Duggan.

From the start, some speakers intimated that the mill owners made an unnecessary move when they ordered the cut-down. The competition phase of the question was discussed and full consideration was given the question of wages, the hours of labor and the condition of the wage earners in the South.

Comparisons were made, contrasts drawn and incidental matters were discussed. Reference was made to the fact that at least one local mill agent pronounced that the cut-down is unnecessary.

Throughout the meeting the feeling ran high and the men were prepared to risk much to stand for their rights and fair compensation in return for honest labor. Some of the men wanted to go to extremes and resort to the most severe means to hold their own.

But some of the other speakers counselled conservatism, and advised the men to use every means possible to bring about an amicable settlement before resorting to a strike.

Said one spinner: "We do not know so much about the market, but we do understand the amount of money we bring home every week and when they cut us down ten per cent we know that that means we lose one-tenth of our pay, which is now too small.

The final action of the meeting was that a committee should be appointed to confer with the mill agents, or a committee representing them. The operatives' committee will consist of eight members, one from each mill in the city, including the Lowell hosiery. This committee will be chosen by the respective mills at shop meetings to be held between now and Friday night. The union will meet again Friday night at which time the names of the members will be reported and the secretary of the union will be instructed to notify the mill agents that the operatives desire to confer with them.

The spinners say that the action of the Fall River operatives will be awaited here with much interest. The cut-down agitation struck there first and it is the centre of the cotton business. They have men there who are students of the question. The local operatives have watched the Fall River people and relied considerably on them.

The spinners decided to act cautiously and wait and see what the Fall River people do.

But the local operatives feel they are obliged to take some stand on the proposition to cut their wages. If the Fall River operatives vote to strike, it will not alter the fact that the Lowell operatives want a conference with their agents.

The above is practically the position of the Mule Spinners' union as given out by the press committee.

THE BOSTON OFFICES.

Referring to the probability of abolishing the Boston offices of the local manufacturing companies, the Boston Transcript has the following:

"Mr. E. C. Clark, treasurer of the Boott mills at Lowell, when asked whether he thought that there was any likelihood of the Lowell mills generally considering the advisability of giving up their Boston offices, replied that he did not see how it would be possible for them to do so. He thought that in the case of a small mill like the Appleton it might be possible to effect a material saving in this way, but with the larger mills, the item of the Boston office was so small a one as to cut little or no figure. On the other hand, with these large mills the advantage of having an office in Boston was a very material one. It was thus possible to keep in touch with the cotton market, getting quotations every day from all over the world, as well as being next door, as it were, to great cotton houses in this city.

"In the second place, the Boston office gave close communication with the commission houses and cotton buyers selling the products of the mill. In a small mill or one making print cloth or some such staple article, this did not make so much difference, but with a mill making a hundred and fifty different articles of goods, it was of great importance to be able to communicate quickly with the selling houses. The third reason for the continuance of the Boston office and not the least important one of the three was that by having it, the mill was kept in close touch with the financial center of New England, and this in a large mill conducting extensive operations was of the greatest importance.

POLICE COURT.

Minnie Northrup charged with stealing, was placed on probation.

It appeared from the evidence that the girl's name was Northrup instead of Whitney. The girl said that she never went under the name of Whitney and denied that she was married to a man with that name.

After the judge had decided to place the girl on probation Mrs. Dickey spoke to Judge Hadley and the girl was called into her record. Her sister spoke for her but Mrs. Dickey said that the girl claimed to be Mrs. Whitney. The girl's sister was asked who paid the room rent and she said she supposed her sister paid it. Mrs. Dickey said that a young man named Whitney paid it at times and that the rooms were hired by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

Officer Ingalls said he had seen a young man and the girl enter Mrs. Dickey's house at 12.30 one night. He followed them. The girl went on probation, however.

During the progress of the case Lawyer Donahue and Judge Hadley had a slight misunderstanding.

Ex-Mayor A. B. Bruce of Lawrence and Superintendent Morton of the same city were visitors in Lowell yesterday.

MORSE—Maria Morse or Brogan died yesterday at the City hospital. She has relatives in this city and the remains are at Undertaker Savage's awaiting identification.

REPORT OF MINT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Denver, Co., Dec. 30.—The books of the United States branch mint for 1897 are closed. The deposits are the largest ever received. The entire output of Colorado was $22,000,000, which places Colorado far ahead of California. The total output of the United States was nearly $70,000,000.

DURRANT'S PARENTS SUE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—The father and mother of Theodore Durrant, have brought suit for slander again Ex-Juror Smythe and demand $50,000. The suit grows out of remarks made by Smythe about Durrant whom he accused of being a moral monster.

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THE SUN EXTRA 5 O'CLOCK

A BIG QUESTION

Is the Marriage License Law Constitutional?

SUPREME COURT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE.

Fight Started by a Disappointed Lover.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—William Orr and Lizzie Nelson, of this place, a youthful eloping couple, have returned from Oregon, having been refused marriage licenses at over twenty places in Idaho and Oregon, owing to the tender age of the girl. Orr has now employed counsel to attack in the Supreme court the law requiring the issuance of marriage licenses, claiming it was unconstitutionally passed. Orr is twenty and the girl is sixteen.

GAME ASSOCIATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—A number of wealthy sportmen have formed a corporation known as the Shocco Game association and have bought twenty thousand acres of land in North Carolina to stock with all kinds of game. They have also bought a country seat at Montmorenci, at a cost of $38,000, for a club house.

M'LAUGHLIN WILL RETIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 30.—It is now asserted positively that when the democratic party comes into power next Saturday, the veteran Hugh McLaughlin will retire from the leadership. Bernard J. York is slated to succeed him.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Semi-official contradiction was issued today of the report that the French flag had been hoisted over the island of Hai-Nan.

A TERRIBLE BLOW

James McCoy Struck and Killed His Sister.

BECAUSE SHE STARTED TO GO TO SCHOOL.

When He Told Her Not to.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Ripley, W. Va., Dec. 30.—James McCoy of Mud Run killed his sister-in-law Miss Shamblin, by a blow from his fist this morning. He had forbidden her to go to school but she took her books and started. He followed and struck her a heavy blow on the neck, killing her instantly.

BANK CLOSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Dec. 30.—The farmers and traders state bank closed its doors today. It will pay depositors in full. It has found business unprofitable.

POWERS REFUSE.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—Representatives of the Powers have refused to permit Turkish government to replace the 4500 troops whose time has expired, on the island of Crete.

JUMPED FIFTY DEGREES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A jump of fifty degrees in one day is what the thermometer shows here. Yesterday, the mercury was ten degrees below; today it is forty degrees above.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Portland, Me., Dec. 30.—The Bath schooner Arcola, Captain Weeks, for Boston with a cargo of lumber, was wrecked on Green Island this morning. The crew, after clinging to the rigging for four hours, were taken off. The schooner has gone to pieces.

TO HANDLE INSURANCE.

Mr. John Mack, of 10 Hildreth Building, who during the past four years has transacted a business confined exclusively to life insurance and investments bonds amounting to $750,000, has made some extensive additions to his original line and is now prepared to handle, fire, life, accident and liability insurance in the leading companies at lowest rates. He desires to thank the public for their generous patronage in the past, and hopes, with increased facilities now in his control, to merit a still larger share of the city's business. Telephone 483-4.

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LATEST

O'NEIL WILL HANG

Governor Wolcott Will Not Interfere.

SENTENCE OF THE COURT WILL STAND

And O'Neil Shall Hang on Jan. 7.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Governor Wolcott has decided that he will not interfere in the case of John O'Neil, Jr., convicted of the murder of Mrs. Hattie E. McCloud, at Shelburne. He will be hanged in Greenfield, January 7.

Interest will commence January 1st on deposits made on or before Monday, January 3d, in the

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Caucuses Will be Held in Every Ward.

Tonight the democratic city committee for the year 1898 will be elected.

Caucuses will be held in every ward inLowell and the Australian ballot will be used. All democrats desirous of seeking membership on the committee were notified to present their names to the city committee not later than 9 o'clock last Tuesday evening. There are 81 members on the city committee, equally apportioned among the wards, each ward having nine representatives. The caucuses will be held in the same place as were the mayoralty primaries. They will be called to order at 8 o'clock by the chairman of the ward committee, and the voters will select their own caucus officers. There does not seem to be any great contest for places onthe committee.

Of the present city committee, thirty-one members are candidates for re-election.

In Wards One, Three, Five, Six, and Nine, it is evident that there will be no contests, for there are only nine candidates in each of these wards. Ward Four has the greatest number of candidates—fifteen; Ward Two has eleven; Ward Seven, eleven; and Ward Eight, ten.

Chairman Hennessy is not a candidate for re-election to the committee, but the names of the other officers of the city committee—vice president, John H. Riordan; secretary, Thomas H. Muldoon; and treasurer James F. Owens, will appear on the ballots tonight.

Joseph F. Dawson is the only member of the present Ward One delegation who will seek a re-election.

In Ward Two, William A. Hogan, executive, and Peter H. Savage, who were always good party workers, have decided to give up their places.

Others who have been prominent members of the committee and who will not seek re-election are: Hon. Fisher H. Pearson, Henry S. Courtney, Esq., Hon. John E. Drury, James H. Carmichael, Daniel J. Donohue, Esq., Joseph Clark, Michael Bruin, Bernard J. Callahan.

The complete list of candidates, as submitted by the secretary of the city committee, is as follows:

Ward One—Hugh J. Murphy, Edward F. Cooney, John F. Maguire, Hugh Williams, Patrick H. Rogers, John G. Gordon, John Caring, Joseph F. Dawson, William Forbes.

Ward Two—Thomas H. Muldoon, James F. McCarthy, John Pendergast, Michael F. O'Brien, Henry P. Doherty, Cornelius A. Daly, John J. McCarthy, Patrick A. Lyons, Owen Callahan, William Hunt, James Manning.

Ward Three—Thomas D. O'Connell, Philip McNulty, Jeremiah F. Murphy, Frank W. Reeves, Adelard Bernard, John J. Burns, Peter F. Brady, Bernard A. Connor, John J. Walsh.

Ward Four—Andrew Haley, John J. Duff, Timothy F. Donohue, Joseph H. Gormley, John J. McQuade, Patrick F. Brady, Edward F. Flanagan, Robert F. Hurley, Ralph A. Cullinan, John A. Gately, John J. Higgins, James Gorman, Thomas A. Green, John E. Conlon John E. Maguire.

Ward Five—James McCarron, Dennis A. Donohoe, William F. Hunt, Martin J. Crowe, Dennis J. Murphy, John J. O'Connor, Edward Gahagan, John P. O'Hare, Charles Slattery.

Ward Six—Charles E. Clark, Thomas H. Morris, Edward Purcell, Richard Taff, John T. Donohue, William E. Cook, John H. Nolan, Henry F. Rogers, John D. Whitney.

Ward Seven—Philip Desmarais, Robert V. Saunders, Arthur A. Racicot, Andrew E. Barrett, John Welch, Joseph E. Venne, James A. Lavery, Edward J. Carroll, Roderick O. Blake, Cornelius Donovan, Daniel Looney.

Ward Eight—Oliver A. Libby, Eugene A. Shea, John Ryan, John L. Boyle, John H. McMahon, Philip P. Conners, James H. Gray, Thomas A. Fox, Timothy V. Wholey, James F. Owens.

Ward Nine—Thomas E. O'Day, John F. Connolly, Maichel Burns, George F. Lynch, Daniel P. O'Neil, Frank J. Simonds, Anthony A. Conway, John C. King, John H. Riordan.

MILL SITUATION.

THE FALL RIVER GLOBE ENDORSES THE SUN'S DIAGNOSIS.

We think our contemporary, the Lowell Sun, in the following paragraph comes much nearer diagnosing the real difficulty accurately than the Manufacturers' association or the Arkwright club, says the Fall River Globe.

"The mill treasurers have decided upon a cut-down of wages in the Lowell mills. Another triumph of McKinley prosperity. It is all on account of Southern competition, we are told by the republican press, but why are the other factories of the city in a depressed condition? Why is the Lowell Machine shop on short time? Is it Southern competition that is injuring it? Is it Southern competition that is injuring the Carpet mill and causing it to run but four days a week. The real cause of the overstocking of the cotton mills is the impoverishment of the masses throughout the country. So beneficent has been this McKinley prosperity that the people have not the money to buy what they need and so the cotton mills are suffering in consequence."

MT. VERNON CHURCH.

RESIGNATION OF REV. O. H. DENNEY CONSIDERED.

The deacons of the Mt. Vernon church met with the standing committee last night to act on the matter of requesting Rev. Mr. Denney's resignation. It is understood that the standing committee is solid in its support of Mr. Denney, while the deacons are perhaps evenly divided, although some are neutral and ready to consent to anything that will make peace. No meeting of the church was appointed and no vote taken.

BOXING GOSSIP.

Tommy Kearns is looking for matches with some of the best 133-pound men in the country. Bob Allen says he will meet him if any club will offer a purse.

It is said that the boxing game has received a set back in Hartford and that no licenses will be issued for contests in that town in the future.

Eddy Curry, who has been doing great work in the ring lately, has been matched to box twenty rounds with Luke Stevens at Buffalo, N. Y., some time in January.

Charley Kelly, who has been in poor health for the past year, has recovered something like his old form and has signed articles to box ten rounds with Eddy Mack at Waterbury on January 20.

Griffo announces that he will return to Australia unless he soon gets a match.

Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey are having a pretty fight over the selection of a referee for their coming contest at San Francisco. George Siler has been suggested and it is probable that he will be agreed upon, although Sharkey is said to be opposed to anybody not of his own naming.

Jimmy Patterson, who was one of the men who found the stakes for Paddy Ryan when the Trojan fought Sullivan, died in New York last Sunday of pneumonia. Mr. Patterson, who was 45 years old at the time of his death, was the owner of the first American-bred bull dog to win a prize at Madison Square Garden. His dog Ben won the first prize offered by the Westminster Kennel club in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1886, and Bill, a son of Ben, captured prizes in 1885, 1885, and 1886. Mr. Patterson was also known as a breeder of gamecocks and homing pigeons.

Tom O'Rourke and Arthur Lumley are said to be interested in the re-organized Coney Island A. C., which will be re-opened next month. It is the intention of the promoters to hold glove contests on as great an scale as during the Kane regime. The first attraction, it is expected, will be a twenty-round contest between Kid McCoy and Joe Choynski, if the men will agree on the question of weight.

Mickey Peach, the crack Australian featherweight, has been sent for by a San Francisco club. Peach recently beat Tim Heggarty, the acknowledged featherweight champion of Australia, in less than four rounds. Peach has a good record in limited round contests, but it is a question whether he would be any more successful here than his fellow countryman, Jimmy Anthony, who has never become acclimated.

The death of John Donaldson of Cleveland came as a shock to the American sporting fraternity. It is but a week or so since he issued a challenge to box any 45-year-old man in the world. Donaldson became famous back in the early eighties for his fight with Sullivan and was at one time sparring partner of Jim Corbett.

BOXING IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Judge Woodward yesterday handed down his decision in the test case instituted by the Methodist Ministers' association against prize fighters who were to participate in a contest before the Live Stock Exchange Athletic club at East Buffalo.

He decided that the club was not entitled under the Horton law to charge an admission fee, but he did not consider the occupancy of a portion of the Live Stock Exchange building a violation of the law. He held the fighters under a bond of $100 each not to violate the law for one year. Counsel for the fighters will appeal from his ruling on the admission fee.

Martin Flaherty proposes to visit England and take a chance with some of the cracks of his class over there, writes George Twohey in the Boston Post. There are any number of 126-pound men in England who would be glad to take on Flaherty, among them Ernie Stanton, Ben Jordan, Fred Johnson, Dave Wallace, and Billy, Brerley. Martin would have a hard row to hoe, owing to the strictness of the rulings of the referees, and it is a question whether he would be successful against any of the men named. He is a rough boxer, the kind an American audience likes to see perform, but as that sort of boxing is unpopular on the other side, the American would, in all probability, get the worst of the judging. There are any number of good men in this country for Flaherty to operate upon, and in the end he would find that there is more money here than across the water.

WAS IT INSANE EAR

THIS IS THE CLAIM IN THE CASE OF SCALDED INSANE MAN.

Judge Fairbanks began an investigation Tuesday into the recent death of W.G. Spearing, the patient at the Medfield Insane Asylum, who is alleged to have been scalded to death in a bath tub.

Mrs. Spearing, the widow, was represented by Attorney Greenhood. The hearing was private.

Daniel Gordon, a Lowell undertaker, who prepared the insane man's body for burial, testified that the left ear was swollen and that there was a scar some inches long below it. Mr. Gordon could not tell, however, whether the scar was due to a burn. The face was so scarred that it could not be shaved.

Judge Fairbanks says the swollen ear is quite common among insane patients, and is sometimes called the "insane ear." At the Medfield asylum he had seen patients whose skins are anesthetic, or insensible to touch, and it is thought this might have been the case with Spearing. It is claimed that if such was the case, a red hot iron might have been applied to his flesh without causing him pain, and that much less would he have been likely to feel the effects of the hot water in the bath tub, whose temperature was about 160 degrees.

The hearing will be continued next week at Medford on some day to be determined later.

F. Osmer Hill, the attendant at the asylum, against whom negligence has been charged in permitting Spearing to remain in the hot bath, was not present at the hearing and is said to be missing from Medfield. Little is known of his movements since he was discharged from the asylum.

The decision of Judge Fairbanks will be rendered to the grand jury at Dedham.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Garfield Colony of Pilgrim Fathers elected the following officers Tuesday: Governor, James Aspinwall; lieutenant, governor, Mary F. Winslow; secretary Frances H. Estabrook; treasurer, Edwin A. Howe; collector, Franklin T. Wilson, chaplain, Louise H. Estabrook; sergeant-at-arms, Edwin W. Sleeper; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Dora E. Mitchell; sentinel of inner gate, Anna A. Howe; sentinel of outer gate, Catherine Mitchell; trustees, H. L. Harford, W. A. Severance, James Aspinall; representatives to supreme colony, Willis H. Bean, Warren H. Mahoney.

Following is a list of officers elected by Samuel H. Hines lodge, K. of P., at its last meeting:

C. C., Thos. Sutherland; V. C., Joseph Kerr; P., Walter Blankeley; M. of W., Elmer Shaw; K. of R. and S., A. F. Choate; M. of F., F. B. Andrews; M. of E., John Tighe; M. at A., Edward Young; trustee for three years, Joseph Stiles; representative to grand lodge for two years, A. E. Joy.

Chelmsford lodge, No. 218, I.O.O.F. elected the following officers last night: N. G., Albert H. Davis; P. G., David B. George; secretary Wilbur E. Lapham; treasurer, Eben T. Adams; trustee for three years, Walter R. Winning.

Lexington council, O.U.A.M., held its semi-annual elections last night and the officers chosen were: Councillor, Calvin L. Joy; vice councillor, C. A. Harvey; recording secretary, Amasa S. Maynard; assistant secretary, Percy Davis; financial secretary, Guy O. Huntoon; treasurer, E. L. Brown; inside protector, Oliver J. Davis; outside protector, Wm. H. Dane; inductor, Frank H. Harris; examiner, Ezra J. Thurber; trustees, F. L. Balcom, William H. Dane, Horace V. Kittredge.

Puritan chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual election last night with the following result: Worthy matron, Mrs. R. T. Jockow; worthy patron, Charles H. Cutter; associate matron, Mrs. E. G. Williams; conductress, Mary E. Offut; associate conductress, Jennie M. Bean; treasurer, Harriet F. Shirley; secretary, John F. Williams; trustee for one year, E. S. Bickford; trustee for two years, Martha E. Dunklee; trustee for three years, Elizabeth Cox. A public installation will be held the fourth Friday in January at Odd Fellows' Temple. A supper followed and the committe in charge were Mrs. R. T. Jockow, Mrs. E. J. Williams and Charles S. Cutter.

Mechanics' lodge, I.O.O.F., elected officers last night for six months as follows: Noble grand, Percy A. Smith; vice grand, Burton W. Plaisted; secretary, F. B. Wright; treasurer, Daniel A. McFadyen; financial secretary, Mitchell A. True; marshal, Horace H. Kittredge; trustee for three years, Arthur H. Slater; committee on supper, Arthur H. Slater, Percy A. Smith, B. W. Plaisted.

Court Columbus, Foresters of America, elected officers last night as follows: Chief ranger, John Moynahan; subchief ranger, James Madden; treasurer, A. McFadyen; financial secretary, Dennis Healey; recording secretary, Edward L. Manley; senior woodward, Stephen D. Breen; senior bendle, Patrick Conroy; junior bendle, Robert McLoughlin; trustee, M. J. Lennon; physician, James Edward Leary. The ball committee consists of Messrs. John Moynahan, James Madden, William J. Goldrick, Dennis Healey, Stephen D. Breen, Joseph LaFlamme.

PLAYED WHIST.

A delightful whist party was given last evening by Miss Anna Coughlin at her home, 65 Grove street, in honor of her guest, Miss Pearl Dow of Canaan, N. H., who is spending the Christmas holidays here and renewing old acquaintances.

There were twenty young people present and whist was enjoyed until 10 o'clock, when the prizes were accorded to the best players, lady and gentleman. The ladies' prize went to Miss Dow and Mr. Walter Edgell carried off the honors for the gentlemen.

After supper games and music was in order and several delightful selections were rendered by different members of the party. At 12 o'clock, all departed for home after having spent a most delightful evening.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Last evening a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher assembled at their home on Stevens street. The principal feature of the evening was progressive whist. There was some very expert playing and the scores ran high. During the evening Mrs. Gallagher invited the party to assemble in the dining room where a dainty spread was enjoyed by all present. The friends did not depart for their homes until after midnight, all wishing their host and hostess a happy new year.

When a man falls out of a ten-story window you'd naturally say he is a dead man. Well, perhaps he is and then again, perhaps not. Something may save him. There may be a friendly awning that will let him down easy, so he may be sound and well to-morrow. You never know what may save a man who seems to be as good as dead.

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HON. WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, who yesterday observed his 88th birthday.

GLADSTONE'S 88TH BIRTHDAY.

THE GRAND OLD MAN CONGRATULATED AT CANNES, FRANCE.

Yesterday was the 88th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. The liberal organizations and his friends and admirers generally showered congratulations upon the old statesman, who is spending the winter at Cannes, in the south of France. He will return in the middle of February. He has been in public life for nearly 65 years, having been elected a member of parliament when he was only 24. He and Lord Beaconsfield were political rivals for more than 40 years.

Seventeen years ago, Gladstone was reported to be dying, but is yet hale and hearty. One of the most remarkable things about this wonderful man has been his family life, which has been most delightful. He and Mrs. Gladstone have gone to the same church for 60 years every morning for an hour of prayer after breakfast. Their seven children are not particularly clever, but are all good. There is only one grandchild, Dorothy Drew, who is her grandfather's idol.

DANCING AT THE ARMORY.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the military party to be held New Year's Eve at the state armory by the members of Company C. The music will be a feature of the occasion by Hadley's orchestra and the Lowell Military band, James A. Murphy, leader. From 8 to 9 o'clock there will be a concert by the band consisting of a most pleasing program and this will be followed by general dancing from 9 o'clock until 1.

George L. Fowler, Jr., is chairman of the committee on arrangements. The other principal officers are: Floor director, Lieutenant Livingston; assistant floor director, Corporal B. R. Delmage; general manager, Private R. W. Hardy; assistant, Private R. B. Joslin.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The committee on claims held another meeting last night and considered Michael Maguire's petition for his pay as an employe of the city stables during three months that he worked after Supt. Fowler had ordered his discharge.

The committee voted to give the petitioner leave to withdraw. Mr. Maguire is a man in comfortable circumstances.

A CATHOLIC PROTEST.

Protestants, as well as Roman Catholics, can appreciate and acknowledge the force and truth of the following letter, written by the premier duke of Great Britain to the Rev. Canon Gordon of Sheffield, in response to a request that he would take part in a meeting to answer the charges brought against Roman Catholics by lecturers styling themselves "ex-priests" and the like:

Norfolk House, St. James' Square, S. W., Dec. 11, 1897.

My Dear Canon Gordon—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter telling me that the Catholics in Sheffield propose to hold a meeting to protest against the calumnies against our priests and nuns which have been put forth in lectures delivered lately in Sheffield. You say also that a wish has been expressed that I should take part in this meeting. I hope I am not presuming on the forbearance of my fellow-Catholics in Sheffield when I venture to express the hope that such meetings may not be held. I gather that these lectures were of the filthy kind usually delivered on such occasions, and that, as usual, some persons were found with appetites for the ill-flavored food put before them. I am sure no one will think that I do not share as keenly as any one the indignation and disgust which exhibitions of this kind must arouse in us. But I must protest against one suggesting to our fellow citizens in Sheffield that we think they can believe such things of us, and on such authority. It is because I thank God with my whole heart that in His mercy I am a Catholic; because I glory in belonging to the old faith; because I love and reverence our priesthood as I do, that I decline to be driven to bay by accusations which no decent man would listen to, no generous man believe. Thank God, two of my sisters are nuns. Thank God, one of my wife's last acts in this life was to found a convent. Am I wrong in thinking that Sheffield would be ashamed that I should have to defend their fair fame before my fellow citizens? I cannot but think that on reflection every one will feel that the attack upon us is not worthy of such a demonstration as is proposed, and I trust the idea of it will be given up. If for reasons I do not know of, it is thought wel to hold it, I plead what I now write will make my absence from it understood. Let us, as Catholics of Sheffield, draw closer together; let us put aside all personal aims and factional interests and we shall hush the voice of calumny, and promote the cause of God's truth among our fellow citizens, for whose highest and most lasting welfare we would humbly wish to labor.

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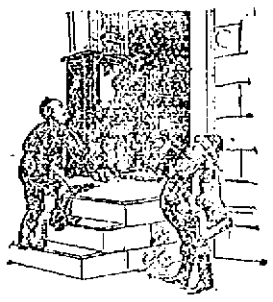

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Funeral Will Take Place at Springfield Saturday.

It is with profound sorrow that the many friends of Mrs. J. H. Clune of Springfield will hear of her untimely death which occurred at her home in Springfield, Mass., last night. Mrs. Clune was formerly a resident of this city and for ten years was a school teacher in the Butler and Edson schools and was considered one of the most popular teachers who ever taught in this city.

About two years ago, she married the postmaster of Springfield. Mr. J. H. Clune, and had a happy and pleasant home, with the brightest possible future before her. She was noted while a resident of this city for her many deeds of charity, having been associated with every worthy charitable movement in our city. She was a prominent member of the Lowell Catholic union in its flourishing days, having charge of the literary entertainments of that organization. She was also a member of the Boston Charitable society of Boston, and always managed with skill and energy the duties entrusted to her care. Within the last three months the grim visage of death has twice visited her family. She was hastily summoned three months ago to witness the death of her father and three weeks ago was again summoned to the funeral of her loving brother. She was in the best of health.

She will be better remembered by Lowell friends as Miss Agnes L. Donoghue of Royal street.

One week ago the heartbroken family was summoned to Springfiled to find her dangerously ill and to their bitter dismay and grief her illness proved fatal.

She was of such a bright and happy disposition that to know her was to love her. Her loss must certainly fall heavily on her bereaved husband and family relatives. She leaves to mourn her loss a mother, two sisters and a brother. The funeral will take place at Springfield Saturday morning with a solemn high mass of requiem. Many of her Lowell friends will attend while others who cannot go will send tokens of their affection for the deceased.

FUNERALS.

DEGNAN—The funeral of the late Margaret Degnan occurred yesterday morning from the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O.M.I., celebrating the requiem mass. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas J. Wallace, James E. Collins, E. H. Clifford, Frank Kelly, Fred Pevey, and Joseph Pevey. Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O.M.I., officiated at the grave in the Catholic cemetery and the interment was in charge of James F. O'Donnell.

The funeral of Robert McManus took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Patrick McManus, 34 West Third street. The bearers were Messrs. James McCluskey Edward Cox, Patrick McNeeley, Patrick Sullivan, Patrick Cassidy, and John Maguire. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

DEATHS.

NAY—Bridget Nay, aged 61 years, died this morning at her home, 8 Bratton avenue.

QUINN—The remains of Thomas G. Quinn, who died in Boston yesterday, arrived in this city this afternoon and were interred in the Cathole cemetery.

YOUNG—Cyrena A. Young, aged 66 years, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Coggeshall, 26 Nichols street. She was the wife of Stephen L. Young and besides her husband leaves three sons, William, the well known tonsorial artist, Eugene and Freeman, and one daughter, Mrs. Coggeshall.

BUDGEFORD—Isabella M. Budgeford, aged 35 years, died today at her home in North Chelmsford. She was the wife of William Budgeford.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Saturday ,being the first day of the New Year and a feast day of the Catholic church, will be a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in all the churches in the morning.

The Young Men's Catholic Institute of Belvidere will hold the semi-annual election of officers tonight. The society has a very large membership and the election will be vigorously contested. There are three candidates for president, and the winner will have to secure a majority vote.

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AT GRACE CHURCH.

LECTURE BY MR. NICHOLS ON THE SLUMS OF NEW YORK.

Mr. John A. Nichols, the well known temperance lecturer, delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Slums of New York," at Grace church last evening and over 100 views illustrating his talk were thrown upon the screen. Taking his audience into the dark alleys of greater New York, where humanity is packed together, he presented vividly a picture of poverty and life's battle. Among the views shown were: Statue of Liberty, Battery Park, Newspaper Square, Brooklyn bridge, portrait of Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, Trinity church, Chatham Square, the Bowery, interior of lodging house on the Bowery, Cooper Institute, Five Points, Baxter street, Cherry street, Ludlow street jail, where Boss Tweed spent his last days, Central Park, Jerry McAuley's mission and many others. The lecture was very warmly applauded.

THE INAUGURAL.

ALDERMANIC CHAMBER WILL BE PRETTILY DECORATED.

Mayor-Elect Bennett's inauguration next Monday will be attended by a large gathering. The oath of office will be administered by Judge Hadley and Rev. J. M. Greene, D. D., will offer prayer. The aldermanic chamber will be prettily decorated.

MUSIC HALL.

"THE TORNADO."

"The Tornado," has cleared the way of every doubt as to the success of Lincoln J. Carter's second production of scenic melodrama. "The Fast Mail was his first effort, and before its presentation, wise heads scoffed at the things Mr. Carter said he could present to make it a novelty but he did all he said he would, and made a fortune beside. His announcements for "The Tornado" were equally surprising, but the fourteen newspapers of Chicago, where he chose to launch his new work, were a unit in pronouncing it as the perfection of melodramatic work, the superior of every scenic melodrama before the public. The energetic young author and artist was called before the curtain after the first act, and had to speak his gratitude for the grand acceptance of his new work by the audience. Manager Boody of Music Hall has secured this famous play for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

"CITY SPORTS."

Flynn & Sheridan's New City Sports' Big Show will be seen at Music Hall for three nights, commencing this evening, introducing a new idea and presenting 25 of the best artists and novelties ever before presented Among the many features that will be seen is the grand opening extravaganza, in which Chrissie Sheridan will assume the title role and introduce the theory that vaudeville light opera, when properly introduced and presented correctly blended with high clas specialty acts, still remains a powerful factor in the amusement world.

HOW THEY KNOCK.

LAWRENCE PAPER'S OPINION OF THAT CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Lawrence Sun contains the following article in regard to the strong activity of its police department:

As the end of the year draws near one of the newspapers announces that the police force have "swooped" down on a gambling den and arrested the participants in a game of cards. Anything of a startling nature is lacking from this announcement by the fact that the gamblers were Syrians. The police, of course, confiscated the "pot," amounting to $2.37. We hope we have the amount exact, as coppers figured largely in the game. We will not be in the least surprised if in a few days the police will "swoop" down upon a lot of Chinese playing fan-tan and capture a number of them red handed and scoop a pot worth enough to bring the amount of the two raids up to as high perhaps as $5!

Our police department, from the city marshal to the horse that drags the patrol wagon, is death on Syrian and Chinese gamblers. And this is only right. The trouble with the two above-named races is that they show a lack of assimilating properties so prominent in other nationalities that reach our shores. If they showed the proper American spirit of patronizing some of our hotels and getting full they might be perfectly safe, or if they wished to gamble and patronized some of the places on Essex street, they would not be molested. The public will not stand this "aloofness" on theor part. Show that they are willing to become Americanized by such a promising symptom as beating their wives or indulging in bar-room encounters and their names will not figure among the police court offenders. Some might say that their offense was not so great as that of the Italian who shot the little girl or the fiend who committed the felonious assault on another little girl, and they would be right. A bad mistake. The murderer escaped, but the Syrians remain and so long as they refuse to accept the beneficial effects of American customs, the praiseworthy efforts to civilize them should continue.

OFFICER DENNETT ON GUARD.

Officers Dennett and Tilton will take care of the crowds who will visit McCarron's tea stores this week. A nickel plated tea kettle worth $1.50 will be given away as a New Year's gift to all customers this week. Sale will commence Thursday morning and will continue until 11 o'clock Saturday night. James H. McCarron, opposite Post Office and corner of Broadway and Willie street.

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POLICE COURT

Three drunks.

John Roberts received six months at the state farm, as did Peter Barsonelles, a vagrant.

Henry Manseau, charged with larceny, was continued in $200 until January 1.

The case of 19-year-old Minnie Whitney, alias Minnie Northwood, charged with larceny of small articles from a Mrs. Dickey, with whom she roomed, took up the greater part of the morning session.

Thomas Fay was in on complaint of Agent Richardson for alleged cruelty to a horse.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

AT A COLERAINE MILL—FIREMAN BURNED.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—A one-hundred horse power boiler in No. 2 mill of the Griswoldville Manufacturing company at Griswoldville, town of Coleraine, exploded about 7.30 o'clock last night. The night watchman and fireman, Frederick Scheitlier, is missing and is supposed to be buried beneath the ruins. He was 45 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

The explosion was a terrific one and it practically demolished the one and one-half story building, 60x40 in area, used jointly as a boiler room, cotton shed for storage purposes blacksmith shop and machine room. The shock was felt a great distance.

FUNERALS.

BLODGETT—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Blodgett was held at 926 Gorham street at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. N. W. Mathews officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Smart, Thorning, Trask and McKenna and the singing was by Mrs. Wodocock, Mr. Darlington, Mrs. Witherhead and Mr. Mathews.

GREAT AUCTION SALE.

Have you heard of the great auction sale that is to be inaugurated next Monday at Wood's mammoth jewelry store? Mr. Wood is a plunger When he goes into the market he buys very heavily and in past years he had a very extensive business during the holidays, but this year while his trade is by no means small, yet he finds that he has thousands of dollars' worth of goods that must be converted into cash. He proposes to raise ten thousand dollars at once and he has finally decided that he will let the public make the prices on these goods. You can get them at your own price whatever you choose to bid. Among the stock there are watches, clocks, lamps, umbrellas by the thousands, silver services, tea sets and a countless number of ornamental and useful articles. Do not fail to take advantage of this sale. For further particulars read their big advertisement in this paper.

CLASS REUNION.

The High school class of '97 held a reunion in High school hall last night. Harold Caverly presided over the exercises and Supt. Whitcomb delivered an address.

A short speech was made by Dexter Joseph Wright, a member of the class of '98. Gundles H. Ferrin then introduced Captain Kidd of the High school regiment. During a short intermission music was furnished by Helen Sawtelle and Ethel Livingston. It was then voted to send a resolution of sympathy to the parents of the late George Gardiner. Messrs. Ferrin and Wright gave some fine music on the piano. It was voted to raise funds for the purchase of a picture to be given to the school. Mr. Qua addreessed the assembly on his experiences at college.

GRANDMOTHER AT 36.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE FAMILY STILL LIVING.

Five generations are represented in the recent birth of Mary Louise Herron in Manchester, N. H. One of the child's grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Brunette, who resides in Lowell, is only 36 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brunette are in vigorous health and it makes them laugh heartily when they talk of themselves at their age being grandfather and grandmother.

The child's great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Peter Lettened, aged 96 years, is now a resident of Sorel, P. Q. She was the mother of fifteen children, eight girls and seven boys. Her husband died a few years ago. Many of her children died in infancy.

OPERATIVE HURT.

Edward Waltham, residing at 135 Colburn street, fell in the Carpet mill today, and sprained his ankle. He was taken to the corporation hospital.

TO THE PUBLIC

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"White Man Lazy; Likes to Sit Down and Walk," He Said.

Wah-Si-Errie, Juan, He-Lo-Aso, Mollsua Antono, Salago Autono, Eh-Lo-Ha, Spirof, Callo Yoppa and Juan Kestoe are the names of a party of tourists who visited Colorado Springs recently. It is very doubtful whether any party of tourists ever viewed the wonderful sights on the streets of Colorado Springs with more interest than did this one. They are Pima and Papago Indians en route from the Pima agency, near Sacaton, A. T., to the government Indian school at Grand Junction.

Among the number there were seven boys and two girls. They ranged in age from 11 to 18 years. It was the first time any of them had ever seen a city. Professor T. G. Lemmon, representing the school at Grand Junction, was in charge of the party, and when he went to the Midland office to arrange for transportation west he took his band along. They viewed everything with the keenest interest. Most of them had in the course of their roamings over the Pima reservation seen a locomotive and train of cars, but the trolley car got the better of them. He-Lo-Aso, a venturesome youth, signified his willingness to ride on it, but the others of the number thought themselves safer on foot, and the trip to the railroad office was made in that manner. They were very much interested in the bicycle, but when a Gazette reporter offered to let He-Lo-Aso mount his wheel at the depot the redskin shrank back and refused. He said through an interpreter that the white man in this town was lazy because he liked to sit down and walk.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

Strange Criminal Case.

Possibly the most peculiar case ever tried in North Dakota is that in which the body of a man supposed to have been murdered some years ago was plowed up and identified, and the suspected murderer is serving out a term in the penitentiary for another crime. He was released from the pen and is now on trial for the murder. Should he be acquitted he will be sent back to prison and serve out his former sentence.—Minot (N. D.) Reporter.

Cure For the Klondike Fever.

Pick out a morning when the mercury is below zero, shoulder a pick and go into the woods before breakfast, dig a hole 16 feet deep, come back to the house at night and eat a piece of stewed buffalo robe and sleep in the woodshed. Repeat the dose as often as necessary.—McPherson (Kan.) Republican.

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Transportation, next to food supply, is the most serious problem of civilization. That is why there is such a vast number of inventions recorded at the patent office for the purpose of carrying people and things.

Particularly for the use and benefit of the evangelical missionary is a newly invented railway car. When on the road, it looks like an ordinary Pullman, but when desired it expands into a church and furnishes shelter and housing for a congregation of worshipers. So complete is this traveling sacerdotal edifice indeed that it actually has a steeple, which is hoisted up and clapped upon the top of it as the finishing touch.

The inventor of this cathedral on wheels is Albert Bierstadt, the distinguished painter of New York. His idea sprang originally from a recognition of the difficulties which must be encountered by peripatetic preachers who find themselves so frequently in places where there is no church.

The car is as useful for transportation as any parlor Pullman. When it reaches a place where its services in its sacred capacity are required, it is run off upon a side track. But just here it must be explained that cars of this kind are designed to travel in couples, each of them making one-half of the church. The side walls are swung outward, and the whole affair unfolds, the two halves being joined together. In order to accomplish this the two cars are run upon tracks side by side. If the tracks are not convenient, half a dozen rails temporarily laid will do.

The steeple, which is collapsible, is telescoped out before placing it upon the summit of the edifice. Then, the building being complete—its construction does not take more than half an hour—it only remains to unfold a lot of settees for use as improvised pews by the congregation, and all is ready for the church service. The folding pulpit, with baptismal fount combined, is a mere detail, though important for saving space. In conclusion it ought to be stated that the church is really convertible into a lecture hall or a gallery for the exhibition of pictures.—Boston Transcript.

Raffle at the Smithy Drew the Crowd.

The "Country Merchant" was played to a fair house at Lowe's Opera House, Groveton, N. H., recently, but at the end of the fourth act Will Astle and lady left the hall, followed by all the rest of the house. Just why this was nobody knows, but it is supposed that people thought a raffle was in progress at the blacksmith shop, and they had rather see Will shake than to see the last act of the drama.—Berlin (N. H.) Independent.

Matrimonial Rapid Transit.

John Ellingwood of Alexandria, Ind., was granted a divorce at 9 o'clock a few mornings ago, and at 9:10 o'clock he had secured a marriage license and at 9:15 o'clock was wedded to Miss Louise Smith of Anderson, Ind.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

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NEW SNOW MACHINE.

Scoops Up the Flakes In Vast Quantities and Then Melts Them.

A novelty in snow clearing machines is to be tried in New York. If the machine does all that its inventor claims, snow blocked streets will be a rarity this winter. The new machine consists of an elongated wagon, which is fitted on the front end with a big scoop, whose purpose it is to take up the snow as the machine is drawn through the streets. This scoop is capable of shovelling up the snow in vast quantities and is automatically designed to throw the snow back to the body of the wagon, where the inventor's really fine work comes into operation.

When the snow is thrown back, it is received into an inclined receptacle heated like the furnace in which the three Hebrew children went through their fiery ordeal. The fire that enables the machine to give the snow such a hot reception is derived from a number of pots ranged along beneath the interior of the wagon and kept in businesslike condition during the time the machine is in operation. Charcoal is to be the fuel used, and a few of these pots will keep the metal floor of the snow receptacle redhot. The inventor claims that it will take a very few seconds to melt as much snow as the receptacle holds, so that the scoop in front can be kept going on its snow shovelling mission as fast as the operator wishes.

But what becomes of the snow after it is melted? This is where the inventor prides himself he has circumvented the snow blockade problem with rare skill. In the rear of the machine is a tank capable of holding several hundred gallons of water. Into this tank the snow melted in the iron furnace will run down and be caught and held until the tank is full, when all that is necessary will be to back the machine up to the nearest sewer and turn on the tap, letting the snow run away in liquid form until the tank is empty, when the machine resumes its work of snow shoveling.

With one of these machines in operation the inventor claims it will be possible to clear away in one hour as much snow as will cover a street a foot deep to the extent of a city block.—New York Herald.

PARCELING OF CHINA.

Mr. Foster's Advice to the Celestial Empire Which Was Refused.

Former Secretary of State John W. Foster talked to me today about the reports that the powers of Europe are dismembering China.

"I have no doubt," said Mr. Foster, "that Russia, Germany, France and Great Britain intend to take possession of most valuable ports and strategic points. They will gradually whittle away the valuable sea edge of that great empire. For several years I have foreseen this danger, and when I was last in China I advised the public men there to take steps to avert it. I suggested to them that a number of American army and navy officers should be induced to go to China and reorganize both branches of their military service. At the same time a few Americans could be employed to good advantage in broadening their civil policy in providing means of transportation and in development of the latent commercial power of the nation.

"But this advice, which was also given by abler men than myself, was not followed. The result is that China is today a nerveless, pulpy mass. The government lacks courage and purpose. They are able men, and their army, properly organized and led, could easily resist all the invaders, for the Chinese are good soldiers. In fact, if the army and navy had been reorganized on modern lines the powers of Europe would never think of making these inroads upon the territory of the empire."

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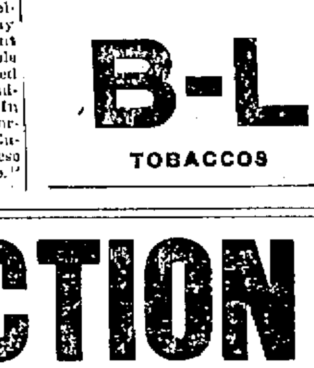

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The cry for an "honest dollar," has had honest advocates, but they have been wrong. The light of reason is breaking in. Experience is a great teacher. We shall not much longer fetter the boundless resources of our country with a system, wrong in principle and bad in practice. It was said that the way to resume specie (not gold) payments, was to resume. It will soon be apparent the way to restore bi-metallism is to restore it. That time will come sooner than many people think. Perhaps before the close of the present administration. To the will of the people, banks, bankers, subsidized newspapers, Rothschilds, trusts and office-holders will then bow.

—Kansas.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston Herald—Speaker Reed now comes forward to insist that the House is a truly deliberative body. He points to 16,000 words in the Congressional Record, uttered to correct one word spoken at a previous session. The Speaker's point seems to be well taken even if it is somewhat sarcastic.

Springfield Republican—Persons who think the negro race has made no substantial progress should pause and contemplate the fact that a new brick cotton mill, having from 7000 to 10,000 spindles, and owned exclusively by colored people, is nearly completed at Concord, N. C. It will be in operation by April 1. "A monument to the enterprise and thrift of the colored people of the old North State," some say—and such it is.

Indianapolis News—There are a few things as may be used as indicating the advancement in culture in the western states. One of them is the strength of such organizations as the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the Sons and daughters of the American Revolution and the New England society, which last night celebrated Forefathers' day. It was not a rare thing, during the early days of the West to have men proud of the fact that they were ignorant of their grandfathers. In truth, men who found pleasure in tracing back their origin for many generations, were considered as lacking in true democracy. There is doubtless more or less snobbishness in the growing desire which people have to possess a family tree, but there is also in it an indication of genuine culture.

Boston Herald—The state fish commissioners have gathered over 5,000,000 trout and salmon eggs to be incubated in brooks and ponds next season for future sport.

Boston Herald—A correspondent desires to know the meaning of wife beating in the third degree. As we understand it, the offence consists of throwing hard boiled eggs at one's wife. That was the specific charge sustained in the case in the New York courts against Actor Radcliffe.

Baltimore American—Condensed milk is now put up in cakes; flour is pressed in the shape of bricks; we have frozen meat and codfish in the shape of balls, there is whiskey in the solid form and air comes as a liquid—all of which seem to indicate that living is being made simpler in many respects. But where is the scientist who can reduce his rent to a size that will not be troublesome to carry?

Bangor News—Talk is proverbially cheap; that is, political talk and fighting talk, and oftentime advice, but the little pow-pow that Uncle Sam has been holding over in Paris relative to settling the seal question will appear to most persons to be rather expensive. The cost of the commission, which accomplished absolutely nothing, was $25 000. Whew! A quarter of a million of dollars gone up—not in smoke but in talk.

Brockton Times—The Lewiston Journal, in commenting on the Boston election, says that the Hub went for free rum by $21,000 majority. Down in Maine the people are not allowed to vote on the rum question. They have all the ardent they wish without going to the trouble of voting whether or not it shall be sold. The liquor dealers in Maine prefer things as they are for good reason. Under a system of license they would be compelled to pay more money for the right to sell than they do at the present time. Under the operation of the prohibitin law they settle with the courts once or twice a year and are allowed to sell unmolested.

FOUND IN A BOTTLE.

LETTER IN A BOTTLE FROM A LAWRENCE MAN.

Rodney Currier of Amesbury, has picked up a bottle on the bank of the Merrimack river containing the following note:

"To the Finder—When you find this bottle I shall be at the bottom of the sea. My lover has left me and gone with another. Charles R. Wood,
Lawrence, Mass."

The above has an air of mystery connected with it. It may be a canard and yet the story told in the brief note may be one of truth and sadness, says the Lawrence American without a smile.

The police were asked of the case last night but no man by the name of Wood has been reported missing. The directory does not contain any "Charles R. Wood," and the few clues followed by a reporter early this morning were of no avail.

The police will investigate today and before night the facts of the case may be learned.

BETTER than cure is prevention. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla you may keep well, with pure blood, strong nerves and a good APPETITE.

THE ARENA OF POLITICS

THE GREENBACK.

Opened a New Chapter In Finance and Saved the Nation.

The most interesting of all studies of history undoubtedly is the tracing of the progress of a popular idea from its inception to its triumph. When Eldridge G. Spaulding succeeded in creating the greenback, he opened a new chapter of finance and showed a nation how to tolerate an intolerable debt. To borrow hundreds of millions of dollars without paying a cent of interest was the lesson he taught the American people. The greenback made the government at Washington victorious in the civil war, and the policy of greenback withdrawal which McKinley is now alluring Secretary Gage to force upon the country would undo the most successful chapter of finance the world has seen. And yet, within the third of a century of its existence, the greenbacks have been kicked and cuffed by both parties and denounced and vilified by both. In 1876 the Republicans demanded "their redemption in coin," while the Democratic platform resolutions "denounced the failure to make good the legal tender notes."

Twenty years have gone by since these platforms, and only among the interested classes, the bankers and money lenders of the Republican party, the idea now lingers that our paper money should be issued not by the government, but by the banks. The Republican platform of 1896, on which McKinley ran, had not a word about the greenbacks. As for the Democratic platform of that year, it resolved:

"We denounce the issuance of notes intended to circulate as money by national banks as in derogation of the constitution, and we demand that all paper which is made a legal tender for public and private debts, or which is receivable for duties to the United States, shall be issued by the government of the United States," which is the greenback idea in its original purity. And the response given by the Democracy of the Union in 1896 was 6,500,000 votes.

There is very little more danger of the passage of a law by the present congress to burn up our greenbacks, to authorize hundreds of millions more of paper to be issued by banks and to give over the making of our paper currency to the money lenders than there was in old Andrew Jackson's time of the restoration to power of the United States bank which he strangled, but the attempt will be made, and the battle must be fought out in the capitol. Our reliance must be in the wisdom which the American people have learned from experience and the improbability that they will now take any step backward.—New York News.

CHANGING THE TUNE.

Republican Organs Make Silly Excuses For the Dingley Bill.

A few months ago the Republican organs were vociferating with glee that the Dingley law was going to remedy all kinds of ills and make this nation feel like a boy with his first pair of pants. They declared that it would bring so much revenue that Uncle Sam would have to build additions to his treasury, and with one accord they rejoiced because the Wilson law was repealed and it and its makers rendered powerless to further deplete the treasury. But the Republican organs are not vociferating so loudly now. Indeed, they are singing in a subdued strain and are casting about for some one to shift the blame of the Dingley law's failure upon. They refuse to see the causes that are really to blame, but profess to see that the blame rests upon men who were not in congress when the Dingley law was passed. The Chicago Inter Ocean is about the blindest of the lot. It gazes at the rapidly increasing deficit caused by the Dingley law and exclaims, "The men mostly to blame for the prospective deficit are Messrs. Wilson and Cleveland, though every Democrat and mugwump in the land shares in their guilt."

It is convenient to be able to exclaim with the schoolboy caught in the act, "I ain't been doin nothin!" Of course The Inter Ocean means that the anticipatory imports under the Wilson law are responsible for the rapidly increasing deficit, but The Inter Ocean and other tariff taxing organs thought nothing of them when they declared with double leaded editorials that just as soon as the Dingley law went into effect the revenues would equal or exceed the expenses of the government.

They never once thought that they would be called upon to invent some excuse for the failure of the Dingley law to produce revenue, but when the time did come when some excuse had to be invented they invented one, and silly as it is they fondly believe that the people will be deceived thereby. The invention may deceive those who love to be deceived, but it will not deceive men who read and think. It would be well for the Republican organs and the Republican party if they spent less time inventing excuses for the Dingley bill's failure and more to devising ways and means to keep that deficit from forcing the administration to issue a lot of bonds.—Omaha World-Herald.

McKinley and Civil Service.

If Mr. McKinley wants the civil service system abrogated or cut down, he has only to issue an order to that effect, and if he does not wish to destroy the system he should let congress know so. Mr. McKinley now appears to be trying to get congress to do his promise breaking for him.

Monopolies Not Disturbed.

The protected monopolies are not disturbed by the deficit. It means to them that competitors abroad are being shut out. At home they can shut out competition by combining in trusts.

Most Surprising of All.

The only surprising feature of the newly formed Cracker trust is that there is at this late day any material left for the formation of a new trust.

COMMUNICATION.

MORSE'S MOUTH WORK.

I notice that our Rising Sun senator, Morse, has been at it again with his overlasting lip, talking through his hat. He is last reported as saying that there is too much Massachusetts legislation favoring the working folk and hampering the manufacturer; that the time limit and other like laws are restrictions which drive out or keep out business from the state and that their enactment was the result of the agitation of demagogues who work only with their mouths. He says many men would like to work more hours and have their children work more time in the mills, and that such restrictive legislation should be national, so as to apply to all parts of the country alike. This last clause may be true enough as to the need of such national law, but because we do not have it, is that any reason that a single or several states should not act in the matter? There are many state laws here which Mr. Morse would like to have universal, but would he abolish those at home because they do not hold in Louisiana? He is a strong prohibitionist on the liquor question, but because prohibition is not national would he therefore not have it in Maine and Vermont and in Massachusetts if he could, notwithstanding its effect upon business. The women and children of this state need protection against just such rapacious polishers of the labor pocket as is Mr. Morse. This modern Elijah would doubtless like to work his help day and night, without pay and command them to trust God and the ravens for their daily grub. He is the man who introduced the propositions to amend the United States constitution by inserting a religious creed which would disfranchise some of the best people in the country, which would destroy the civil rights of just such ones as first proclaimed and defended the independence of the country and created its unsectarian constitution, making it unsectarian, so that the goodly folk like Elijah Morse might not use it for a battle axe against each other and their betters. He was much in evidence as a religious demagogue in the halcyon days of the A.P.A., which on the pretence of equal rights in matters of religion, undertook to revolutionize the government of equal rights into a Protestant theocracy. It will be a good day when this false prophet returns to his shop, packing stove polish and working less with his mouth for $6000 a year.

—John Prescott Guild.

STOLE FOR LOVE.

BOSTON YOUTH'S DEVOTION TO HIS WIFE CAUSED HIM TO FALL.

John H. Colville in the Superior criminal court in Boston, Tuesday, afternoon pleaded guilty to defrauding with $1600, belonging tol Wood, Pollard & Co.

It was not through his willing confession that he was brought to Boston from California but because of peculiar circumstances, the district attorney waived his right to cross-examine the witnesses or to make any argument in the case, and no eye in the court room gazed upon the young prisoner save in sympathy and pity.

Mr. Colville told from the witness stand the story of his downfall, the details of which were substantiated by his employer, by his wife and by his mother who had come all the way from Wales to be present in his behalf.

Last April, Mr. Pollard asked him to make out a check for $1000, payable to "Cash" and to be deposited to Mr. Pollard's personal account. The check was executed, but the matter slipped his employer's mind. The bit of paper, signed and perfect in every legal detail, lay on Colville's desk for some days. Temptation to appropriate it was working upon him. There were bills coming due; a little stranger was expected soon to arrive at his home, and a payment was due on his house. One day he succumbed; the check was turned into cash and deposited in Colville's name in another bank. Later other money was taken from the firm.

His wife was gloomy and depressed. To cheer her, he bought her a boat; he gave her jewelry and money. He spent not one cent of the stolen money on himself.

For some reason he was absent from his desk for a few days, and in the meantime a shortage of $400 was discovered in his accounts. He was confronted with the fact and confessed that he had taken $500. His employers pitied him and gave him another chance. He went to California with his wife. There remorse preyed upon him and he wrote a letter confessing to having taken three times the amount he had first named. Officer Shields was sent West and returned with Colville under arrest.

Mrs. Colville, the wife, went to Wood, Pollard & Co., and gave $104 in cash and a note for $270. Colville's bicycle was sold for $40 and the boat, too, was surrendered. There was $400 of the stolen money in Colville's possession in California, which he voluntarily surrendered.

Attorney Proctor pleaded with the court that Colville be given an opportunity to go away somewhere with his family and begin life anew. He is but 27 years of age and came to this country three years ago. His parents are willing to refund the balance of the stolen money and his former employers commend highly his ability and personal character.

Judge Bishop took the case under advisement.

FR. O'BRIEN DEAD.

OF ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BOSTON, A VICTIM OF PERITONITIS.

Father Stephen S. O'Brien, assistant at St. Philip's church, Harrison avenue, Boston, died Tuesday at 5. 23 o'clock p. m., at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Death was due to peritonitis.

Fr. O'Brien was taken to the hospital late Sunday night. It was hoped an operation might save his life, and one was performed Tuesday afternoon, but the disease was so far advanced that the operation proved unavailing.

Fr. Coppinger of Allen street was with Fr. O'Brien when death came.

Deceased had been assistant at St. Philip's church for the last two years. Previous to that he had been assistant in Canton. His father and mother live in Rockland which was his native place.

He leaves a brother, Maurice, in Cincinnati, and a brother, Daniel, and two sisters, Margaret and Joanna, who live in Rockland.

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CRISP GOSSIP.

Recently the wife of Michael Delaney who lives at Kellyville, Penn., presented him with three bouncing boys. The triplets thrived and on a recent Sunday their proud parents presented them for baptism at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo. The boys were baptized Patrick Joseph, Francis Ambrose and Charles Walter. The hair of each infant is of a different color—auburn, brown and blonde—and the young women who stood as sponsors were selected because they had hair to match the color of the boys.

Says the Observant Citizen in the Boston Post

Here is a rather curious coincidence in connection with a deeply rooted superstition prevalent among theatrical people. I was present Monday evening when the sad accident happened to Comedian Dan Daly of "The Belle of New York" company at the Park theatre, and I had noticed, seated well front in the center of the orchestra, a lady dressed in deep mourning and wearing a heavy black crepe veil. To face such an auditor on the opening night of the play is considered by actors to be the acme of bad luck, and if aware of such presence, they are surprised at nothing which may happen during the evening. It is an incongruous garb at a place of amusement, anyway.

And the mishap to the comedian was only one of a series of incidents annoying to the management that evening, attribute them to whatever cause one may. First the stage hands struck and the performance only proceeded by means of courteous aid from another house. Then while the curtain was down on account of the accident a man leaning heavily against the brass rail of an upper box in his eagerness to see, displace a brass rod, which fell into the orchestra, and narrowly missed two spectators. And shortly after a woman was taken out in a fainting condition. Withal, I have never seen an audience behave with such exemplary coolness and lack of visible agitation. Not a person even left his seat during the wait, except the newspapermen and the regular cocktail fiends.

DAN DALY BETTER.

RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS AND RECOVERY IS PROBABLE.

Dan Daly, injured by a fall at the Park Theatre in Boston, is improving at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

"He has recovered consciousness," said one of the physicians. "He is doing well. The chances for his recovery are quite favorable. His skull was not fractured. His injury is a concussion of the brain."

On reaching the hospital a hasty examination of Mr. Daly was made by the doctors and they declared he was suffering from concussion of the brain and pronounced him in a critical condition.

HANGED IN HIS CELL.

James Dalton, a prisoner at the East Cambridge House of Correction, committed suicide Monday night by hanging himself to the door of his cell. Dalton was serving a three years' sentence, having been convicted in the superior court last June of breaking and entering in Malden. For some time past he had appeared despondent, and claimed to feel that he was serving an undeserved sentence.

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AN INCREASE IN REVENUES

Highest Figures in Customs Receipts Under New Law.

A Surplus is Expected for December—Republicans Claim That the Income Will Continue to Exceed the Outlay.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures will show a material increase in the receipts from both customs and internal revenue. Tuesday's income from customs alone was $735,-617, the highest figures reached since the new tariff law went into effect. The receipts from customs this month probably will exceed those of November by $3,000,-000, which will leave a surplus for the month. Independent of the receipts and payments on account of the Pacific railroad transfer, the total receipts this month would have exceeded the expenditures by approximately $1,750,000.

The returns from internal revenue sources show a gratifying increase, and it is not unlikely that the December statement will show an excess over November of $1,000,000. Altogether the situation, so far as revenues are concerned is very gratifying to the treasury officals, who confidently predict that with the exception of January, when heavy interest payments are due, there will be a surplus for each remaining month of the present fiscal year.

RECIPROCITY DEALS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has about recovered from a long and painful attack of rheumatism. During his illness the reciprocity negotiations progressed steadily through Mr. Adams, first secretary to the embassy, and Sir Julian will now be able to give the matter personal attention. The main desire of the British West Indian colonies is to secure the 20 percent reciprocity reduction on sugar. What will be offered in exchange has not been determined. At the outset the purpose of the negotiations was confined to the British West Indies, but the present indications are that efforts will be made to include Canada. How far this can be done in view of the failure of the Behring sea negotiations is not clear. Mr. Kasson, the special commissioner of the United States, has not undertaken to consider the subject of reciprocity with Canada. The entire subject of Canadian relations appears to remain in the control of ex-Secretary Foster.

It has been expected that the recovery of Sir Julian Pauncefote would permit active steps on the British-American treaty of arbitration. Up to this time, no negotiations have been opened between the ambassador and the state department. Both governments have signified a favorable attitude toward reopening negotiations, but the British government will take no step until a definite assurance is at hand that such a treaty will be ratified by the senate.

PROTECTED INTERESTS ALERT.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The lumber and other industries which might be affected by reciprocity treaties are watching closely all that concerns their special interests. Mr. Tunis, chairman of the executive committee of the National Lumbermen's association, has had several interviews with Mr. Kasson, who is in charge of reciprocity negotiations. The lumbermen are chiefly apprehensive that their product may have to bear the brunt of Canadian reciprocity negotiations. Mr. Tunis yesterday said: "It is evident the administration is bent on a commercial treaty with Canada under section four of the Dingley bill. I have said to Commissioner Kasson that the great interests we represent, employing more than 600,000 workingmen and directly supporting a population of more than 3,000,000, ask for no special privileges. While they are willing to pay a duty for other manufactured goods equal to 40 or 50 perecent of their value, they only ask for their own less than 20 percent.

"They are unwilling to be singled out of all other manufacturing industries of this country to test the theories of free trade. They are opposed to sharing with coal and fish the burden of a policy which the great masses of our people are utterly indifferent to, but which is urged by a few Americans interested in the seal fisheries and a few other Americans who own Canadian forests.

"The average American student can see no more reason or justice in the demand for reciprocity with Canada than with her imperial mother, our best customer for wheat, corn, hay, cotton, lumber, etc. The danger to our interests lies in reciprocity with nations located in the same temperate zone as our own and of whose products we are entirely independent."

HOSPITAL CORPS FOR NAVY.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Long has sent to the house naval committee a draft of a bill "To organize a hospital corps of the United States navy, to define its duties and regulte its pay." The secretary says it is understood that the operations of the army hospital corps are very satisfactory, and a similar organization in the navy can be accomplished and maintained with practically no additional expense to the navy. The proposed hospitals are to be located at Portsmouth, N. H., Chelsea, Mass., Newport, R. I., New York city, Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, Va., Pensacola, Fla., Mare Island, Cal., and Yokohama, Japan.

PERMISSION TO CROSS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sir Julian Pauncefote sent an official communication yesterday to the secretary of state announcing that the British government will permit a detachment of the United States army to cross British territory in making the trip to the Klondike. The detachment will be accompanied by a representative of the Canadian government as an escort while passing over British soil.

PETER DOGGETT'S DEATH.

London, Dec. 30.—Inspector Corry of the Scotland yard detective department is making inquiries at Old Castle, county Meath, Ireland, in connection with the death of Peter Doggett, who was cut to pieces in a dough mixing machine in New York city last August. An important arrest is expected in a few days.

Doggett met his death Aug. 28 while in the service of the New York Biscuit company. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Doggett's sister, it is understood, received a letter from her mother, who lives in Ireland, saying that queer stories were afloat about her boy's death. She named a man who had returned from New York to Old Castle well supplied with money, and suggested there might be a connection between the source of his funds and the death of her son. The New York district attorney's office communicated Mrs. Doggett's letter with other circumstantial evidence bearing upon the case to Scotland yard.

FIRES IN DAWSON CITY.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—According to news received here from Dawson City under date of Nov. 25, the Koloudike mining camp has twice been in danger of destruction by fire. On Nov 22 two log houses were burned. The houses contained food and outfits for 10 men, and nothing was saved Steps have been taken to relieve the destitute. A second fire broke out on Nov. 25, and the opera house and two saloons were burned. The snow on the roofs saved the rest of the street from destruction. Provisions and liquors valued at $40,-000 were destroyed.

On Nov. 10 the Yukon froze over and since then 3000 persons have started out over the ice between Dawson and Selkirk. Many of them are without dogs and poorly supplied with provisions, and it is doubtful if they will get through.

FREE BOOKS AND FREE LUNCH.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 30.—At Tuesday's session of the Illinois State Teachers' association, President Andrews of Brown university, Providence, delivered an address on "The public school system as an instrumentality of social advance." He took advanced ground in regard to the advisability of school architecture, providing the most perfect ventilation and physical comfort to pupils, while not neglecting intellectual advantages. He favored free text books, free lunches and everything to make school pleasant to the pupils. He thought these did more to elevate the social and moral character of the people than anything else.

POWER OF SPEECH BACK.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—By teaching the use of the lips for utterances, Dr. Willis D. Storer, a staff physician at Augustana hospital, has restored the power of speech to Maggie E. Lauf. Three years ago Miss Lauf's nervous system was shattered by a stroke of lightning. Since that time and up to about six weeks ago the young lady had been unable to utter a sound. Dr. Storer trained Miss Lauf to use her lips as he would a child, and after about two weeks of lessons the young lady suddenly partially regained her voice. With constant practice she has now entirely recovered the use of it.

HIS BODY UNDER THE ICE.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 30.—John Burnham, ex-member of parliament and queen's councillor, committed suicide by drowning yesterday. He had suffered for months from insomnia. His wife found a note from him saying he could not stand the strain longer. His footsteps were traced through the snow to the river, where his body was found beneath the ice.

CUT HIS THROAT.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 30.—Charles C. Avery, an inmate of the hospital at the Togus soldiers' home, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. Though several were present at the time, the act was done so quickly that no one could prevent the deed.

THE SEALSKIN ACT.

London, Dec. 30.—The Standard and The Daily News indulge in sarcastic comments as to the probable increase in the cost of sealskin garments in America owing to the new legislation. The News asks what the shopkeepers will say when they find fair Americans coming to London for sealskin jackets. It adds: "The bill seems hardly made for enforcement; more likely it is intended to cover a diplomatic retreat."

A True Maxim.

Nothing succeeds like success, is a maxim well applied to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, for this famous remedy succeeds in curing every case of croup, cough and cold which it undertakes, and to this alone is due its wonderful popularity. Mrs. E. W. Richards, 2214 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., states: "I have had Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup on my bureau for the last nine years, and have found it a certain and safe cure for croup. I have also found it efficacious in extreme membraneous croup, and would advise all mothers to use it." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs only 25 cents, and you should bear in mind, that substitutes simply benefit the dealer's purse. Insist on getting Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

BRADY'S LETTER

He Makes a Deposit for the Fight

BETWEEN CORBETT AND FITZSIMMONS.

Other Notes From the Sporting World.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wednesday night William A. Brady, manager of James J. Corbett, sent to The Associated Press the following defi to Fitzsimmons:

"James J. Corbett, dissatisfied with the result of his late contest with you at Carson City, and not believing that you are his superior either as a boxer or fighter, and being of the opinion that the majority of the American public shares this belief that he can defeat you if you are man enough to grant him a return battle on equal conditions, has deposited $2500 as a first deposit to bind a match for $10,000 a side, the person offering the largest inducements to have the management of the contest.

"As you have said that your wife has withdrawn her objection to you again entering the ring, there is no reason why the arrangement should not be speedily consummated, for you, in my presence at Carson City, gave Corbett your word of honor that if you ever entered the ring again, you would give him first choice.

"It is useless for you to attempt to deceive the public and try to boom your private interests by attempting to force Corbett to meet some second or third rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice. He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or anyone else. He claims the chance he gave you—the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved himself in your class on March 17 last, and it was only by the greatest kind of fluke that you are now titled 'champion.' I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he secures the opportunity to again face you in a 24-foot ring, I will guarantee you that he will prove conclusively and beyond a question of doubt whether or not he is in your class.

William A. Brady."

A FINANCIAL REASON.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—The Palladium publishes an interview with Robert J. Cook, Yale's veteran boating coach, relative to the Yale-Cornell situation, in which the well known coach says: "Cornell's disinclination to accept the New London course very probably is grounded on her failure to draw sufficient crowds there to make it a paying venture financially when she rowed on that course years ago. Yale proposes to overcome this aversion by giving Cornell equal receipts and even their choice of the course. The course is acceptable to Yale and suits Harvard well enough, and therefore ought to be good enough for Cornell, too, even without conditions.

"Yale and Harvard, so far as they are interested, have decided to row at New London, and the opportunity to be a party to the race has been freely and fairly offered to the Ithica university; and now if she loses it, it is her own fault. Yale proposes a fair course, and goes further than that in offering a choice of course."

MATCH MAKER STARTS HOPES.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dan Stuart of Texas said yesterday that he would leave for the west next week, and he hoped that he would secure the signatures of both Fitzsimmons and Corbett to articles of agreement for a ring contest which he proposes to bring off next summer probably in Nevada. Just what the amount of the purse which he would offer would be, Mr. Stuart refused to say. As soon as he had presented the articles of agreement to either one side or both of the big pugilists he would make the amount public.

Mr. Stuart would like to arrange a meeting between "Kid" McCoy and Joe Choynski, or some other good middleweight, to take place in the same week as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout. He said he would offer the winners of these bouts to meet six months later, so that in the event of McCoy and Fitzsimmons winning they could settle their differences as to their respective prowess within the year 1898.

SCORES OF POLO GAMES.

At Fall River—Fall Rivers, 10; Salems, 6.

At Pawtucket—Pawtuckets, 4; New Bedfords, 3.

At Lewiston—Lewistons, 6; Rocklands, 2.

At Meriden—Meridens, 11; Wallingfords, 2.

At Waterbury—Waterburys, 7; New Havens, 2.

ABUSED A PRIVILEGE.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Mayor Harrison has issued an order prohibiting public boxing exhibitions in the city. He says his permission to hold six-round contests has been abused and that fights are taking place in the city every night.

it's neglect of throat and bronchial troubles that leads to death-dealing disease.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

No wonder Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is praised by its users. Its curative effects are like magic. Sold by druggists.

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SOME REMARKABLE FACTS

In Report of the Herring Safe Company of New York.

Matters That Indicate Crookedness Somewhere—Strange Mixup by the Accountants—Startling Discoveries.

New York, Dec. 30.—A score of men representing 2000 shares of the preferred stock of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe company, which recently went into the hands of a receiver, met to hear the report of W. C. Taylor, S. A. Jennings and Philip Hathaway, the committee appointed to investigate the charges of mismanagement on the part of those who were in charge of the company's affairs. Mr. Taylor said that the committee had discovered facts which were remarkable, and which disclosed the reasons for the losses as well as the cause for the action of the company's most active rival in securing a judgment for $3000.

Mr. Hathaway read a report in which he said in part: "Those of us who were interested in the affairs of the company were somewhat startled a short time ago when we received word that the voting trustees were to spring a surprise upon us by calling a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the company, at which they were determined to abandon the name of Herring-Hall-Marvin and adopt the name of the American Safe Manufacturing company. I was more surprised a day or two later at learning that Moses Mosler, our rival, was the president of the executive committee, and that a second member of the company was in close relationship with him, which left us only one representative on the committee. The next discovery was that our plant in Hamilton, O., adjoins the plant in which the Mosler safes are made. Whether or not Mr. Mosler ran our business in our interests or his own I will not say, but his attempt to put us out of business by securing a judgment for the small amount of $3000 makes me suspicious.

"I have never seen such balance and profit and loss sheets as have been submitted by the company's accountants. In the balance sheet of 1894, $180,000, paid as quarterly dividends to preferred stockholders, was set down among the assets. The balance sheet shows that during 1891 the company lost $23,815 and in 1895 $258,047. In each instance the depreciation in the value of machinery was omitted. In 1891 the proceeds of the sales of safes amounted to $1,330,000. The cost of producing the safes is placed at $965,-657, and the running expenses are placed at $377,557. In 1895 the proceeds of the output amounted to only $1,052,479, and the running expenses were advanced to $515,724.

"We paid $1,000,000 too much in the start. We have lost $1,000,000 and have got $1,000,000 left. I believe that million is worth saving, and I am in favor of the appointment of a committee to take immediate steps to reorganize the company in order to save what we can."

MORAL DEVELOPMENT.

New York, Dec. 30.—At last night's session of the child study congress the Rev. Dr. Conaty of the Catholic university of Washington delivered an address on child study, in which he pointed out the better mental and physical foundations possessed by some children for moral development. It was equally incumbent on the parents as on the teacher to assist in this development. All education tended to the building up of character, and to accomplish what was most desired the inherent tendencies of the child must be studied; his inclinations watched and the tendencies to any viciousness curbed.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall of the Clark university of Worcester, Mass., followed, speaking to the same end.

MRS. BOOTH'S CONDITION.

New York, Dec. 30.—The following statement was given out last night by Drs. McCosh and Thompson, who are in attendance on Mrs. Ballington Booth at the Presbyterian hospital: "Mrs. Booth is suffering from an aneurism of the aorta, and we consider that her condition has been and is serious. She is confined to bed, not allowed to see any visitors except her husband and secretary, and is absolutely forbidden to do any work. Her condition continues to improve."

The statement is issued, it was announced, because of insinuations recently made that Mrs. Booth's condition had never been as serious as had been reported.

SEAFARING MEN MEET.

New York, Dec. 30.—J. H. Wilson, president of the International Seaman's and Fireman's union, addressed a meeting of about 200 seafaring men here yesterday for the purpose of uniting the American seamen into a branch of the International union. He declared that the men were at the mercy of shipping masters, who controlled the destinies of sailors and firemen. To overcome this it was necessary to combine in an organization which should cover all the ports of the world. Organizations have already been perfected in Holland, Spain, France, Germany, Norway and Denmark.

ON TOUR OF OBSERVATION.

New York, Dec. 30.—When the Panama steamship Finance sails Friday she will have on board 14 of the most prominent contractors in the United States, who will go to Nicaragua to inspect the survey of the proposed canal. If the work is deemed practicable, these men will unite into a company and bid for the job.

OFFER OF SETTLEMENT.

Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 30.—Colonel W. A. Gile, counsel for John Reed, the alleged "bunco man" who has been arrested charged with swindling Martin Wood of this town out of $4500, has made an offer to Mr. Wood on behalf of his client to settle for half the amount, but the proposition has been declined.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Sloop Screamer of Rockland, Mass., was sunk in Boston harbor in a collision with a tug.

The 4-year-old daughter of Charles Tucker of Provincetown, Mass., died yesterday from burns received while alone in the house.

The collapse of an old warehouse in Washington caused the death of C. C. Hesler, a bricklayer, and the serious injury of several others.

Strong gales prevailed yesterday over the western and southern coasts of Great Britain. Off the Lizard a hurricane was blowing, and the weather generally is growing worse.

The Dartmouth medical college at Hanover, N. H., opened for its 101st year yesterday with an entering class of about 30. The course has been changed from three to four years.

General Weyler's memorial to the queen regent respecting President McKinley's message is a mild protest, signed by himself alone. He was unable to persuade other officers to sign it.

Nellie Hicks, 17 years old, fell asleep beside the stove at her home in Boston, and her clothing ignited. She was terribly burned about the body, and at the hospital it is said she cannot recover.

Secretary Sherman has received a telegram from the Anaconda Standard directing him to draw for $850, the amount subscribed in the state of Montana through that paper for the relief of suffering Cubans.

An engine and caboose on the Chicago, Hamilton and Western railroad left the tracks while crossing a bridge over Salt creek, two miles north of Lagrange, Ills., and plunged into eight feet of water. Six men were injured.

The locomotive shops, other than railroad shops, built 1261 locomotives in 1897, as compared with 1175 in the previous year and 1101 in 1895. Of the locomotives built in the year just closed 386 were for export; in the preceding year 309 were for export.

The officers and passengers of the steamship Victoria, which has reached Victoria, B. C., from the Orient, say that all is excitement on the other side of the Pacific. The people in all walks of life expect that there will be a clash among the great powers over the seizure of different ports of China.

ATTEMPTED TO MURDER.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 30.—Last night Eton Johnson, aged 22, attempted to murder Ernest Fellows, Mrs. Fellows and their 11-year-old son Frank by shooting them at their home here. He dangerously wounded Fellows and inflicting a slight wound in the boy's thigh and a flesh wound on Mrs. Fellows. Johnson then shot himself, dying instantly.

Johnson had boarded with the Fellows family, to whom he was related. He fell in arrears for his board and was ordered from the house. Last night he called for his trunk, but was told he could not have it until he paid his back board. He then drew a pistol and fired at Fellows, the ball taking effect in the neck close to the spinal column. Johnson then fired at Mrs. Fellows, the shot glancing alongher side. He next turned on the boy and shot him in the thigh. After firing another shot at Fellows, which went wide, he killed himself.

His Cat Hunts Rabbits.

Louis Rosenbrock of Hillsdale, N. J., has a cat that can hunt rabbits with the best trained dog. Rosenbrock says that hardly a day passes but what the cat goes into the woods and returns home with a rabbit.

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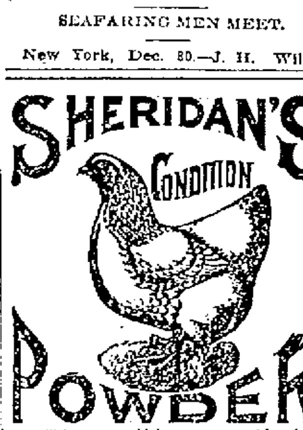

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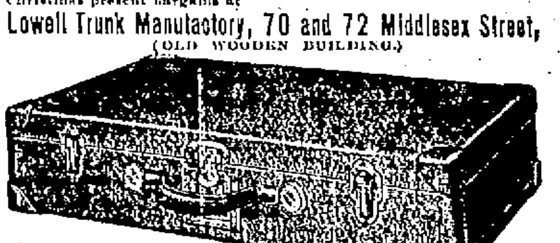

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A NEW YEAR'S BICYCLE BALL.

Paris Will Celebrate The Entrance of 1898 In Unique Style.

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Paris—Paris swelldom is to celebrate New Years in its usual idiosyncratic style, and a bicycle ball is the specific nature of the programme. In America and in England bicycle gymkana have been fads of quite recent origin, but the bicycle ball has never yet been attempted. Parisians go back to the mythical origin of New Years day celebrations for their authority, and assert that as a matter of fact New Years day is simply a Christmas holiday by courtesy, and that it should really always be celebrated by athletics of some kind or other. For the first day of the year, they say, was originally consecrated to Strenua, the goddess of strength, and the first New Year's gift ever presented was that given to Titus Tatius, the King of the Sabines, who reigned at Rome conjointly with Romulus Tatius was honored by his followers with a bundle of branches cut in the woods consecrated to Strenua. He beat his courtiers with the switches and considered this such an excellent beginning of the year that he ordered the custom kept up. And so to this day the first day of each new year is honored by tributes of respect and devotion, followed by an emblematic Tatian retribution.

And Paris has adopted the bicycle ball as a fitting honor to the Goddess of Strength. The wood of the bicycle is to be typical of the branches broken in the consecrated woods and the slips and tumbles are evidently to be emblematic of the switching, while the exercise of limbs is to be a fitting honor to the ancient goddess of strength.

If Strenua were only present to see the display of bloomers and stockings she would undoubtedly veto the celebration in her honor, and Titus Tatius would have ample opportunity for some very effective switching.

But several thousand years stretch between the time of Tatius and the bicycle ball, and he of the purple toga will turn in his grave at the simple thought of the degradation in store for the custom he instituted.

At the bicycle ball the ladies will, of course, appear in bloomers, although no objection will be offered to anything of a tight-fitting character provided there is something shapely within it. The bicycle styles of the Bois will be followed very generally.

Instead of the ordinary shoes and leggings the very modish Paris bicyclist wears shoes of brown or tan canvas trimmed with leather of the same color and laced half way up the calf of the leg. Above these her handsome golf stockings begin to show. Unlike the stockings men effect, these do not roll back beneath the knee, but are made in extra length for warmth's sake, are held by elastic supporters from the waist, and are splendid studies in color and pattern. On the Bois, every damsel displays what might be called her own particular brand of hose, to be known by the way the ornamental streaks, stripes or diamonds of cheerful tone are chosen and knitted into the solid dark yarn. For example, against a dull brown stocking intricate red, yellow, and gray points will be woven in, or a dark blue pair will show white, light blue, and crimson zig zags flashing out above the shoe tops.

The world has not yet been enlightened on the exact nature of the programme for the bicycle ball, but it is known that only square dances and the Virginia reel will be attempted. All of those who will participate are supposed to have mastered the intricacies of trick riding and some unique effects will undoubtedly be produced, far surpassing in interest the gymkana of London and New York, which are, after all, rather clumsy affairs.

The wheelmen and wheelwomen promise some startling decorative effects, aside from costuming. The hall itself will be garlanded, and the headgear of all the cyclers is to conform to this decorative effect, the men wearing floral caps and the women bonnets of lilies and roses.

The lancers will be "danced," if one may be allowed that word, by sixteen men and maidens on their wheels. They will form in two sets and go through the figures of the lancers, circling around each other instead of "turning partners," and ending with the grand chain, making one of the prettiest effects of the evening.

The London bicycle sport, "Threading the Needle," is to be a feature of the programme, but instead of winding and twisting in single file it will be done by couples.

Taken altogether it will be one of the most interesting affairs given in the gay French capital in years.

How a Bicycle Ball Would Look Minus Bloomer Costumes.

Trinity Will Ring Out the Old New York.

The Wake of a Great City Followed By the Birth of a Greater.

How the Three Millions Will Celebrate the Night of New Year's 1898—The Sound if Concentrated, Would Pierce the Continent.

New York.—"Whereas, experience has taught us that on New Year's days and on May days, from the firing of guns, the planting of May poles and drunken drinking, there have resulted unnecessary waste of powder and much intoxication, with the bad practices and accidents that generally arise therefrom; therefore, we expressly forbid on New Year's and May days any firing or planting of May poles or beating of the drum; nor shall there be at those times any wines, brandy or beers dealt out."

This was the proclamation issued by Peter Stuyvesant, New York's first mayor, and it's a long journey in time from that obstinate old Dutchman to Gouty Mayor Strong, the last of the line.

Old Peter Stuyvesant lies in St. Mark's Place, right near the Bowery, and if noise can wake the dead, there are those who live in the hope that the one-legged hero of Dutch colonial days will assist at the funeral of Greater New York on the night of December 31, 1897.

There may have been noises on previous New Year's nights, chimes may have been rung, bands may have played out the old and in the new, horns may have been tooted in and out of consonance, but never in all its history will there be such another celebration as is promised for this year.

It is the funeral of the old, and the birth of the new, the death of a great name and the birth of a greater, and if the noises that will announce both of these facts to the world, could be concentrated into one long blast, it would be heard in China and in Honolulu, and the horn that would blow it would stretch the full length of Greater New York, and not even Chauncey Depew could master it.

The wake of old New York will live in history, for it is to be marked by speech-making of a most extraordinary character, by a musical programme just as remarkable, and by shouting more wonderful than either.

The great bands of the city will play out the old and in the new on the steps of City Hall, the Chimes of Trinity and Grace, will ring more tuneful than ever, and when it is all over, a massive memorial volume is to tell the story of these last hours of a great city.

But the new city will have been born, and the celebrations will merge as the great clocks from a thousand towers strike the witching hour of twelve. From a little less than two million denizens it will have jumped at a bound to a population of 3,350,000 and to an area of 307½ square miles, overlaping even London in extent of territory. Its population, if stretched out in one long line, would reach from the City Hall to the suburbs of Chicago. It will have 3,000 miles of streets and 300 miles of splendid water front. It will have within its borders a thousand miles of street railway, 361 public schools, 25 colleges, 250 private schools, 1,150 churches and a public park area of 7,000 acres.

Such in brief is what the Greater New York will be when the midnight hour has struck, December 31, 1897. But what it will be a few years hence is a matter of most interesting conjecture. The most important of all the great bridges that have been planned and on which construction has been commenced is that which it is proposed to build across the North River. This bridge is designed to bring passengers on the trunk lines from the West directly on to Manhattan Island. The bill providing for its construction was approved by President Cleveland in 1894. Since then capitalists have been busy negotiating for funds for the construction of this enormous work. While no work of construction has been done yet worth speaking of the promoters of the enterprise hope to get right down to business next spring.

The public work which promises to add most to the glory and prosperity of New York, however, is the proposed rapid transit system to run north and south through the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx. This is a public work which the people have been planning for for ten years back. Laws have been framed which provide for the construction of this road, or rather this system of roads, at the expense of the municipality. They will be mainly underground in the borough of Manhattan. Through the borough of Bronx the tracks will run on elevated and viaduct structures.

It will be but a matter of a year or two when visitors to New York will notice the absence of United States mail wagons on the public streets, so far as the borough of Manhattan is concerned. A corporation, patronized by the Government, is now establishing a pneumatic-tube system for the transferring of all mail matter on Manhattan Island. The system has already been thoroughly tested and is a success.

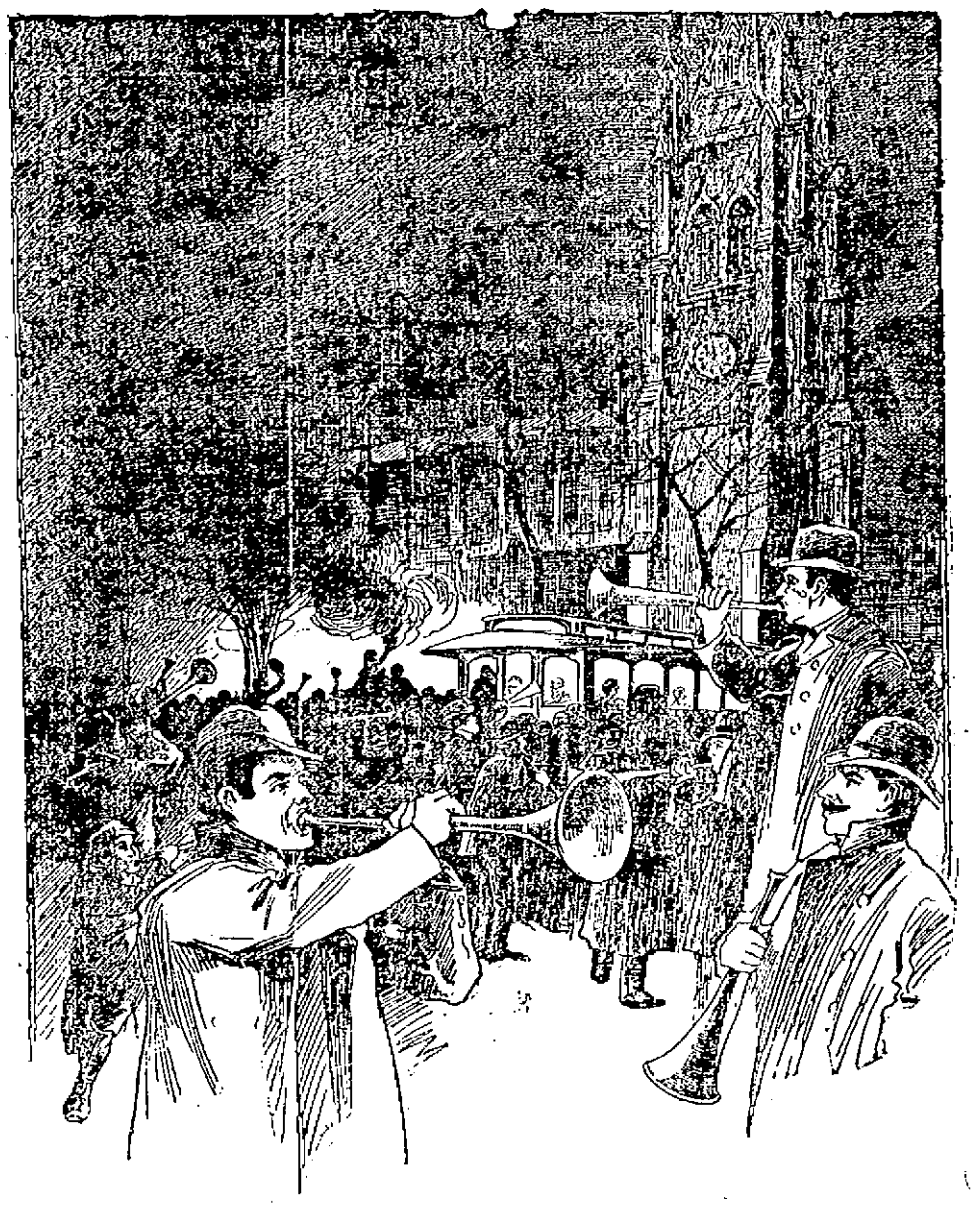
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's Day will be celebrated as usual in New York, no extraordinary programme having been arranged in honor of the great sun that will shine on the new city. Judge Van Wyck will assume the reins of government, having already taken the oath of office, as have all the other newly-elected officials, and the usual hand-shaking congratulatory and floral offering will follow. But in the residential part of the city it will be as quiet as on a Sunday. The custom of New Year's calling has long since gone out and in its place we have especially fine afternoon religious services to which all swelldom goes after it has looked after its pet charity.

Of course the saloons will do the usual thriving business, but not as of old. Formerly New York saloons of the better grade made preparations for the holiday trade, as it is called, and the doors and windows of saloons were draped with holly, and at the further end of the bar was always to be seen the huge china punch bowl, which attracted convivial spirits as a beehive attracts flies. This form of holiday celebration had of course, its origin in England, though interspersed somewhat with the Dutch notions which were for so long a time predominant in old New York.

Nowadays holiday drinks are no longer very popular in New York. The Germans and German-Americans, who are the steadiest customers of saloons, drink beer on holidays as at other times. Many of those who at other times drink beer take to ale (sometimes ale with pepper in it), when the weather gets cold. The American partiality for straight whiskey withstands any outside adventitious allurement of holiday drinks, and should the weather be cold, hot rum, or hot Irish or Scotch whiskey is popularly accepted as a fair substitute for either egg nog or brandy punch.

The saloons, it is true, are still decorated with holiday greens, but it is the cheaper fir instead of the red-berried holly that is seen. A new and by no means picturesque feature of the celebration is the man who ornaments the looking glass of the saloon with illustrations drawn in soap. In many saloons the holiday drinks are no longer a source of profit, for these are the drinks that are given away—whiskey in original packages. Some saloons close on New Year's Day to spare the owner's generosity.



TOOTING IN THE NEW YEAR AT TRINITY'S PORTALS.

A good many of their European majesties are dissatisfied with mere crowns of gold and strive for those of laurel. Queen Elizabeth of Roumania sent the editor of the Revue des Deux Mondes a novel; the late Queen of Holland sent him historical studies, revised by Renan; the Comte de Paris sent him an article on English Trade Unions; the Duc d'Aumale sent him fragments of his forthcoming "History of the Condes;" Prince Henry of Orleans narrated in his pages his adventures with M. Bonvalat in Thibet.

Jack—"That Miss Beverly, to whom I bowed just now, is a regular Klondike."

Tom—"That so? Rich?"

Jack—"Yes; also cold and distant."—Chicago News.

THOUSANDS SING IN CHORUS.

A City Whose Industry Is the Raising of Birds.

Andreasberg, and Its Queer Doings—Sending Out Canaries By the Hundred Thousand.

There are those who imagine that the supply of canary birds is furnished by this country; but the canary-raising industry is on an exceedingly small scale in the United States compared with the industry in Andreasberg, Hanover, Prussia, where canary culture is and has been for over a century the principal occupation of the entire community.

Andreasberg, a village containing about 3,000 inhabitants, nestling against Jordan Heights, in the Harz Mountains, 28 miles northeast of Gottingen. Out of the 476 homes in this melody-steeped village all but 100 are devoted to breeding and training canaries for markets all over the civilized world.

Some idea of the extent of this little town's remarkable industry may be obtained when it is stated that the product is from 100,000 to 200,000 birds yearly, and the annual income from $260,000 to $300,000. Of course other towns in Belgium and Switzerland are engaged in canary culture, but on a much smaller scale than Andreasberg. This village also derives an income of from $50,000 to $100,000 annually from the sale of the unique bird-cages manufactured by its skillful inhabitants. When business is dull in the immense silver mines in this neighborhood, the miners lay aside their picks and shovels and earn a living by raising canaries. This is not a precarious method of obtaining a livelihood, as the demand for well-trained singing-birds is constant, immense numbers being shipped daily for export.

In Andreasberg several people earn large salaries as bird teachers and their services are in great demand. These instructors, both men and women, possess cultivated voices and can imitate the tones which the canaries can most readily reproduce. The teachers train their feathered pupils daily, going from house to house, and each trainer has regular hours for giving lessons in the gentle art of warbling.

The method of training canaries to sing consists in giving the bird a scale constantly repeated, the teacher either whistling or singing the notes. Sometimes a bird is taught to sing a popular air by being confined in a separate room where he hears no sound except the notes of a musical-box, that continually plays the air which he is expected to learn. The result of such training is marvelous.

In the largest canary "henneries," as they are called, the trained birds are frequently used as instructors to the young canaries. In this way thousands are able to follow a single expert songster and soon become more or less proficient. Of course the birds that develop either peculiar trills or a wide range of melody command higher prices than those that are less accomplished singers.

All novices, when the lesson begins, are put in separate cages, so covered that they cannot see one another, and thus their attention, not being distracted, is fixed on their teacher.

The Germans have distinct names for designating the different notes of the birds. For instance, each sound is called a "tour," the trill tour, coarse tour, water tour, lisping tour, bell tour, nightingale tour, cluck (hen) tour, etc. The sweetest and most admired of these is the nightingale tour. The expert trainer thoroughly understands just how to bring out and develop the "tours" of which each bird is capable. Efforts have frequently been made to make canaries produce the nightingale effect by putting in nightingales, but it seems that canaries refuse to recognize them as their own species and will learn only the human imitation of the nightingale's inimitable song.

Trainers are often successful in teaching canaries to produce unique effects. Sometimes a clever bird will sing in two separate tones at the same time, each one as clear as a bell. The effect is wonderful.

The canary originally came from the islands which bear its name. In 1748, when Henry of Spain, the "Royal Sailor," conquered the Canary Isles, his men discovered the charming yellow songsters and brought some of them back to Spain, where it was called the "Sugar Bird." It soon became an article of trade and the fine singers brought high prices. The entire trade in canaries was controlled by Spain, which passed a law prohibiting the exportation of female canary birds; but one day a Spanish ship, having on board some of the birds, was wrecked off the coast of Italy and driven ashore to the Isle of Elba. Here the birds increased and the Italians, learning their value, cultivated them and did a thriving trade. From Italy the traffic in canaries spread north to Tyrol, thence to Germany and Switzerland.

Many towns like Andreasberg took up the industry and the natives thrived. Hundreds of men travelled with trained canaries, creating a sensation all throughout Europe and the East, and amassed fortunes by means of their feathered performers.

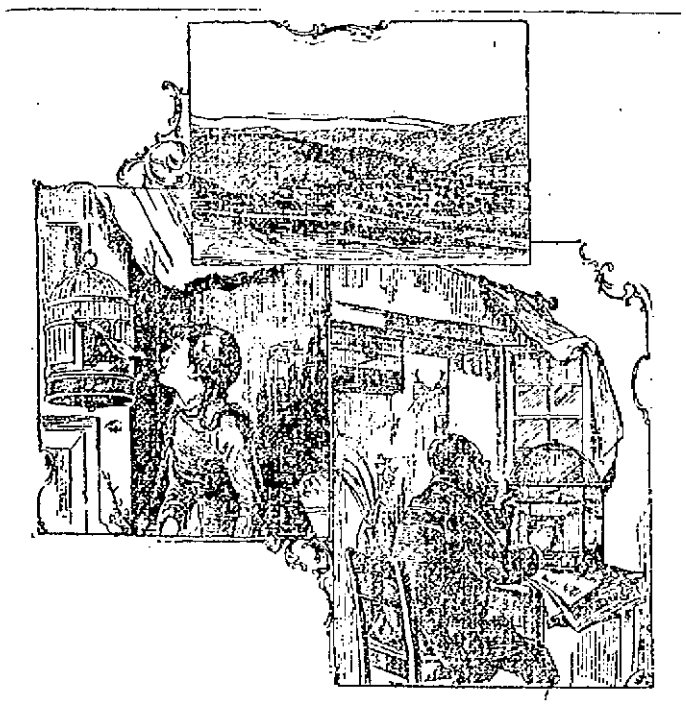
About half a century ago the importation of canaries to America began. This new departure immensely benefitted Andreasberg, making it the most important canary-breeding market in the world.

The reason the Harz Mountain canaries are so highly prized is because the Germans have always looked to the development of fine-shaped birds, while the English pay more attention to color effect. This the Andreasberg breeders have thrown aside and made a reputation as well as more money by developing the singing capacity of the canaries.

The Dutch canary, by years of cultivation, shows a diminutive, swan-like neck and high shoulders, with curly feathers on the breast and wings.

The English have succeeded in bringing out the "lizard" canary, with olive-green back and striped like a gopher; also the pure yellow, green-brown and gold-yellow. The only canary resembling the Andreasberg bird is the breed raised in Norwich. London canaries are larger than the German birds, and those raised in Manchester are twice the size.

German canary-raisers vary the color of the birds from dark yellow to orange, up to whitish yellow and pure white; from brown-yellow to reddish-brown; and from gray-green to black-green. These changes of hue in the plumage are effected by means of various condiments mixed with the food given the canaries.



SCENES IN ANDREASBERG, THE HOME OF THE CANARY.

Arabian horses manifest remarkable courage in battle. It is said that when a horse of this breed finds himself wounded and perceives that he will not be able to bear his rider much longer he quickly retires from the conflict, bearing his master to a place of safety, while he has still sufficient strength. But if, on the other hand, the rider is wounded and falls to the ground, the faithful animal remains beside him, unmindful of danger, neighing until assistance is brought.

A considerable percentage of the 16,000 Portugese in the United States are whalers on the Pacific coast; so many, indeed, that a greater number of Portugese are engaged in whaling than any other nationality in the country. As Portugal has a long coast line and a comparatively sparse inland population, it is easy to guess that a large proportion of its people is made up of seafaring men, and these fine sailors are scattered all over the civilized world.

A fool's company is not hard to find.

GLEANED FROM THE NEWS.

Life on a South African mining property can hardly be monotonous. The report of a traveler fresh from the Cape, gives a curious insight into one phase of labor on the Rand. It used to be the custom of the Kaffir, on receiving his salary, usually $5 per week, to sally forth and invest all his earnings in bottles of brandy. He would then return to his hut, squat down, and drink it like beer until he succumbed. This went on regularly among the mining staff of all the large companies until, in order to prevent a weekly cessation of labor, the companies adopted the method of inclosing all their native employes inside a compound and shutting them in like prisoners until their time of service had elapsed. Visitors to the compound often take in a pound or so of the native tobacco, for a handful of which the Kaffirs, under stress of their doubt will often gladly exchange fine old native bracelets and knobkerries. The privation of tobacco as well as liquor, method of smoking is peculiar. After the pipe is filled several long pulls are taken and the smoke swallowed. The bowl is then taken off; the stem is inserted in a bowl of water and the water is sucked through it and swallowed also. Then comes the tug of war. The man who can hold out longest without coughing is considered a hero. After a short time the smoker will convulsively cough for fifteen or twenty minutes, and one can quite understand why the Kaffir is not allowed to buy tobacco. In the case of the traveler, who gives these details, the mine managery asked him to cease bartering the vile stuff for native trinkets, otherwise the whole relay would be unfit to go down when their time came. The Kaffir usually returns home after six months or a year at the mines, and is considered a rich man. He buys two or more wives and takes his ease while they do all the work.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Askins—They say that Broadhead is an accomplished linguist.

Grimshaw—Yes: he speaks six different languages—English, baby talk, society gabble, baseball dialect, bill-of-fare French and the New Jersey language.—New York World.

To get the good out of the years we must learn how to live each hour well.

Honesty has never found a substitute.

GOMPERS' ABLE REJOINDER

To Secy. Gage of the U. S. Treasury in Behalf of Labor.

He Politely Punctures the Theories of the Great Banker—The Evils of the Gold Standard Ably Exposed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has made reply in an open letter to Secretary Gage's recent letter, taking exceptions to the resolutions passed by the federation in reference to Mr. Gage's financial bill. Mr. Gompers in substance says:

"We do not charge you with ignorance, or allege any evil purpose on your part, as implied in your letter. We have the greatest respect for your probity and integrity. The wage earners of America represented in the American Federation of Labor believe that the position you have taken in regard to the retirement of our greenback currency is antagonistic to their interests, and they are opposed to your plan for more thoroughly committing this country to the gold standard.

"The evils which have resulted from our adherence to the gold standard are those that ever must grow from a dishonest measure of value. Any measure of values that forces an unjust distribution of the products of labor, that deprives producers of the fruits of their toil and cuts down wages and profits, thereby destroys the incentive to enterprise and leads to industrial stagnation, enforced idleness, distress and public suffering. Anything that reduces the total money value of the products of labor must increase the share of the money lender and creditor and decrease the share to be divided among employes and wage earners. To increase the value of money must decrease the value of the products of labor.

"If our adherence to the gold standard has caused money to grow dearer, you must admit that the gold standard has done injury to our people, brought distress to wage earners and employers and discouraged enterprise. It is not alone to a cheapening of the labor cost of production, but also to an actual appreciation of gold that the fall in prices since 1872 has been in great part due; and this appreciation has grown out of the demonetization of silver which has increased the demands for gold. You must abandon the advocacy of gold monometallism unless you can show that the demonetization of silver and the doubling of the demand for gold resultant therefrom have not caused gold to grow dearer and prices lower to the great injury of all producers of wealth.

"The retirement of our national greenback currency and all government paper money and the substitution of bank notes would make the banks guardian over our volume of money and so of our measure of values; it would enable the banks working in the interest of the speculators to cause movements in prices with great certainty, enable them to depress prices by contracting the currency and raise prices by expanding the same. It would make the banks the masters, the men slaves and would enrich the few and impoverish the multitude. Your plan involves the proposition of the retirement of our national paper currency and greenbacks, upon which we pay no interest at all, and the issuance of bonds in its stead in the sum of $200,000,000, upon which we shall be required to pay interest."

NOW WILLING TO SUBMIT

Fall River Carders Will Accept Cut Down Under Protest.

Many Girls and Women Advocated a Strike—Other Labor Notes of Interest to Toilers.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 30.—The largest meeting in the history of the carders' association was held last night, about 700 of the 1000 members being present. Secretary Tansey reported the anti-strike resolution from the conference committee, and advocated its adoption. He was followed by many of the younger members, including a number of girls and women, who favored a strike. The vote taken showed a very even division of sentiment, 261 voting for the adoption of the resolution and 283 against it.

After the meeting Secretary Tansey said that the strike sentiment was much stronger than he had anticipated. Many cool and clear arguments were offered by girls, who spoke intelligently of direct reductions made during the past year. Man yof them said they preferd the street to the mill at reduced wages.

This is the first of the general meetings, others following today and Friday night. The carders were supposed to be strongly against a strike; therefore the closeness of the ballot is a great surprise. It indicates more surprise at the other meetings.

CHINESE DECREE

The Emperor Forebodes Impending Calamity.

OWING TO THE PREDICTED ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

In Accordance With Ancient Custom.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A copy of the recent curious decree issued by the emperor of China to fend off the wrath of providence as indicated in the eclipse predicted for New Year's day, has been received. It is pronounced by experts to be a masterful exhibition of typical Chinese statesmanship in view of the existing critical condition of affairs in the celestial empire. The decree reads as follows:

"According to the chun chiu (spring and autumn annals) it has been stated that an eclipse of the sun on the first day of the year betokens an impending calamity; hence the sovereigns of every dynasty which has preceded us have always made a point whenever an eclipse of the sun is prognosticated to undergo self-abasement and humble themselves before heaven in order to avert the wrath from above. During the reigns of their majesties, Kang Hsi and Chien Lung (1662-1796), there were observed two eclipses of the sun which fell on a New Year's day; and now according to the board of astronomy, the first day of the 24th year of our reign (22nd Jan., 1898) there will be yet another eclipse of the sun. We are filled with forebodings at this news and hasten to seek within ourselves for sins which may have thus brought the wrath of high heaven upon the land.

"We further command that the ceremonies of congratulations usually held on New Year's day in the Lelho throne hall be curtailed and only ordinary obeisances be made, the place being changed to the Chien Tsing throne hall instead of the Lelho throne hall. The banquet usually given to the imperial clansmen on New Year's day must also be stopped, and when the eclipse occurs, let all members of the court wear sober garments and assemble in the inner palace before the altar set up to Heaven to pray for forbearance and mercy to the country at large.

"This is so far as shall concern ourselves to show our desire to propitiate high heaven, but as her majesty, the empress dowager, is an elder and senior it is but right that the full ceremonies be observed in paying the court's obeisances on New Year's day to her majesty. Let all the yamans concerned take note."

INSANITY NO BAR.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The authorities of the county have made a new departure in criminal procedure, which is expected to deter murderers from interposing the plea of insanity.

Mrs. E. Papp-Wilson, who was accused of murdering her husband in this city Sept. 25, 1894, was adjudged insane before her trial took place and she was sent to an asylum. After her recovery she was taken in charge by the authorities of this city, and will be brought to trial on the murder charge in the superior court next week. District Attorney Barnes says this plan is to be adhered to in all similar cases.

HIDING PLACE UNSAFE.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 30.—Lawrence Walters, an aged farmer, residing three miles north of Wayland, Cass county, had no faith in banks and instead placed his savings, consisting of about $2500 in greenbacks, $1000 in government bonds, notes, mortgages and other valuable papers, in a tin pan. This he buried beneath the floor in his farm house some months ago, and he has been in the habit of visiting the hiding place every day to see if his fortune was safe. Tuesday, when he made the customary visit, he discovered that robbers had been there, for his fortune had disappeared. The old man is almost crazed over his loss.

DOUBT OF O'NEIL'S GUILT.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—A special to The Union from Williamstown says: Dr. S. D. Woodbridge of Williams college, who attended the trial of John O'Neil at Greenfield as a witness for the defense, though he was not called to the stand, states that he will make an endeavor, either through O'Neil's attorneys or personally, to show to Governor Wolcott that there is a reasonable doubt of O'Neil's guilt, because it was not proven at the trial that Mrs. McCloud was murdered. He heard all the evidence and is thoroughly convinced that the state failed to prove this fact. He feels that the doubt is so strong that it would be unjust to hang O'Neil, however conclusive might be the proof of his connection with the crime.

The doctor is considered very prominent authority, and considerable weight must therefore be placed in what he says. The evidence is startling in its nature, and Dr. Woodbridge claims conclusive. It is especially sensational because at the trial the theory that it was a murder was hardly questioned. It does not attempt to show that Mrs. McCloud was not murdered, but it does show almost absolutely that she might have died a natural death under all the circumstances which were shown at the trial. It then shows that the state did not introduce any proof to make it certain that she did not die from such a cause.

CUBAN WRETCHEDNESS.

Havana, Dec. 30.—The correspondent of the Madrid Imparcial, who has ridden over a greater part of the island, writes to his paper that he saw at San Jose de Lajas, this province, 4500 reconcentrados thrown into the streets or dying in wretched huts, mere living skeletons. He stated that 10,000 have died within a year.

Several correspondents describe the horrible misery, due to fevers and sickness, in different towns in the province of Santa Clara. There are many abandoned without shelter, medicine or medical assistance. The winter season increases the suffering among them. The women are half nude, with their naked infants wasted with cold and hunger.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 30.—The will of Hannah C. Hubbard, recently deceased, gives $75,000 in public bequests. Among the items are $5000 to the Amesbury and Salisbury home for aged women; $5000 for a building fund for the Amesbury public library; $2000 for the Anna Jaques hospital, Newburyport; $1000 for the Christian church Sunday school, Amesbury, for the purchase of books, and $2000 to the same society; $5000 to the Universalist church, Amesbury, the income to be used for pulpit supply; $3000 to the trustees of the Salisbury cemetery. The old homestead is left to the Christian church for use as a parsonage.

CONFLAGRATION IN HAYTI.

Portauprince, Hayti, Dec. 30.—A fire, which assumed considerable proportions on account of the lack of water to supply the pumps, destroyed 800 houses, including a number of warehouses, a hotel, the church of St. Joseph and its parsonage. About 3000 people were rendered homeless.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the City league bowling tournament at the Highland club last evening the Highlands defeated the Lowells by 81 pins. Howes of the Lowell was high man with a single of 202 and a three-string total of 512. The score:

Highlands—Corwin, 498; Hartwell, 438; Barton, 465; Anderson, 477; Dickerman, 465. Total, 2343.

Lowells—Boulger, 418; Halstead, 419; Howes, 512; Kelley, 478; Fullerton, 477. Total, 2304.

In the City league tournament at Les Miserables alleys last evening the Pawtuckets defeated the Wamesits by a margin of 130 pins. Peters of the Wamesits had the highest single of 211 while Weston of the Pawtuckets was the only one passing the 500 mark for a three string total. The score:

Pawtuckets—Weston, 527; Knapp, 423; Fletcher, 476; Sawyer, 474; Clogston, 497. Total, 2397.

Wamesits—Brainard, 474; McCormick, 442; Peters, 495; Wilson, 420; Dearth, 420. Total, 2261.

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Headquarters Lowell Democratic City Committee.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 23, 1897.

The Democrats of Lowell are requested to assemble in their respective ward rooms on Thursday, December 30, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing members of the Democratic City Committee for the year 1898.

The caucuses shall be called and conducted, under the caucus act of 1895, and acts in amendments thereto.

The chairman of the ward shall call the caucus to order and serve until a chairman is chosen.

Each ward shall be entitled to nine members who shall constitute the ward committee of the Democratic City Committee. The Australian ballot will be used.

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—T. H. Muldoon, Secretary.
J. J. Hennessey, Chairman.

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BUILDING RAFTS ON LAKE LINDEMAN.

Prospectors who take the Chilkat pass route must build their own boats or rafts to cross Lake Lindeman.

delphia Dental College, and Miss Giberson is an extremely popular young lady and a graduate of the Lowell Hospital.

Guests from out of town were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones, Mrs. J. F. Kennard, Mrs. John Whitten, and Mr. Percy Whitten of Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. H. Hopkins of Milbury, Mass.; Mrs. Francis Parker of Lynn, Mass.; Mr. Robert Barker of Hudson, Mass.; and Dr. W. D. Kinney of Boston, cousin of the bride. The happy couple leave for home tonight and they will reside at 1419 Arch street, Philadelphia.

HUSTWICK—GATELY.

At St. Peter's parochial residence, Rev. Fr. McDonough united in marriage Mr. Thomas Bennett Hustwick and Miss Minnie M. Gately. Miss Helen Gately, a sister of the bride, was bridemaid and Henry S. Courtney was best man.

The bride looked charming in a dress of white brocaded satin with duchess lace and pearl trimmings. The bridemaid was gowned in pink satin.

A reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hannah J. Gately, 60 Appleton street, followed the ceremony and many friends of the happy couple called with good wishes and more substantial evidences of their esteem. The D. L. Page company served a wedding collation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hustwick left immediately after the reception for a honeymoon trip and on their return will live at 67 South Loring street. They will be at home after February 1.

LITTLEHALE—WHITNEY.

Mr. William L. Littlehale and Miss Georgie E. Whitney, both of this city, were united in marriage last evening by Rev. O. H. Denney. The ceremony took place at 7.30 o'clock at Mr. Denney's residence, 78 Varney street. Miss Hattie L. Whitney, sister of the bride, was bridemaid and the best man was Mr. Lorenzo A. Ayer.

The happy couple will receive the congratulations of their many friends and will be at home after January 15th at No. 585 Fletcher street.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

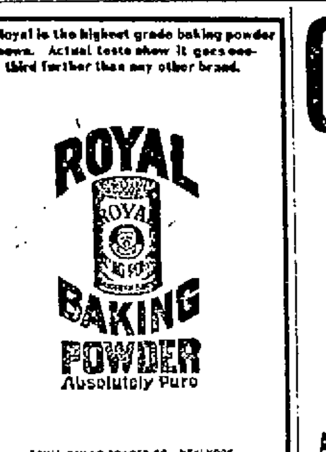
The children of the High street Sunday school had their Christmas tree yesterday afternoon. Supper was served by the King's daughters.

After supper, the children marched to the auditorium of the church, singing Christmas carols on the way. A very handsome tree was arranged on the platform, Miss Edith Stott in charge. A fireplace was beside the tree, and Mr. E. W. Clark, as Santa Claus, made his appearance down the chimney in a realistic manner, much to the delight of the little ones. Miss Louise Conant gave a recitation, and Miss Jennie Bullis sang "Santa Claus Has Come to Town," very sweetly. The singing was in the care of Miss M. Theresa White, Miss Sarah Butterworth presiding at the organ.

PLEASANT WHIST PARTY.

Miss Catherine L. Kneeland of 18 Eliot street gave a delightful party at her home last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Gertrude B. Richardson of Bethel, Vt.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.



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MATRIMONIAL.

At St. Michael's parsonage, Tuesday afternoon the marriage of Napoleon Bonaparte Lafleur and Miss Mary E. Cavanaugh took place. Mr. Smith Adams was best man, and Miss Cavanaugh, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Lafleur have gone on a wedding trip to Washington and on their return they will reside at 257 Walker street.

MARCILE—CADARETTE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Marcile on upper Moody street a quiet wedding took place yesterday in which their son, Aradinis Marcile was united in matrimony to Miss Rosanna Cadarette of this city. Among the wedding presents were many beautiful and costly articles. There were quite a number of out of town guests, among them being Mr. Peter Bressitt, Concord, Mass., Mr. Shacko Gosselin of Manchester, N. H., Mr. Victor Morrill of Lawrence, Mr. Henry Delvitt of Haverhill, and Gideon and George Parent of Cuseugee Falls, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Marcile will be at home after January 5 at 252 Moody street.

MacLAREN—KERR.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the residence of Rev. W. A. Bartlett on Walker street at 5.30 o'clock last evening, when Mr. Charles MacLaren and Miss Mary R. Kerr were made one. An informal reception followed the ceremony at their future home, 25 Ash street and was attended by about 50 of their most intimate friends. Those who received with the newly married pair were: Mr. Edward MacLaren and Mrs. McLaren, the brother and mother of the groom. Many useful and costly presents were bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren.

DOLMAN—GIBERSON.

The marriage of Dr. N. H. Dolman of Philadelphia and Miss Ada Gibeosrn of Lowell, took place last evening at the bride's home, 106 Westford street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Billings of the Unitarian church. Dr. Dolman is a very prominent instructor in prosthetic dentistry at the Phila-

LOCAL NEWS.

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If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 958 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone.

There are stores where you will pay $1.50 for the same watch work we charge $1.00 for. Harris, 10 Appleton street.

John Mack, heretofore General Agent of the New York Life Insurance company, has ceased his connection with that company. All persons having business with the New York Life Insurance company will apply to the new General agent, John H. Riordan, Central Block.

The percentage of the more difficult cases they consider abnormally large here, due partly from neglect of the eyes and partly from abusing the eyes by improper lenses. These men don't charge you five dollars just to look at you; in fact, they make no charge for consultation.

J. A. Paquette, the well known hair dresser who has been employed at P. Lynch's for the past three years, has bought out a share in the barber shop in Runel's block. He will be pleased to see all of his friends at any time. He will guarantee you nice work in every way. Call at Room 16, Runels' Block.

J. L. Chalifoux's annual sweeping out sale commences tomorrow. People who have waited for a favorable opportunity to buy should now call. Their most sanguine expectations will be realized by his unparalleled reductions. Read in another column some of the bargains enumerated. An entire page would have been needed for a complete detail of this extraordinary sale.

NEEDLESS ALARM.

The alarm from box 4 at 5.45 Wednesday afternoon called the fire department to Cheney's bobbin shop on Dutton street. A hot shafting box had set fire to the woodwork above it. Before the arrival of the department, the employes succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

STATISTICS ON EYESIGHT.

A Sun reporter talked with Drs. Babbitt & Son, the well known opticians and eye specialists at 16 John street who kindly gave him the following facts based on examinations of several hundred pair of eyes. About 35 per cent. are Presbyopic, 18 per cent Astigmatic, 14 per cent. Hypermetropic Thirteen per cent. have Muscular Asthenopia, 8 per cent. are Myopic, 6 per cent. Strabismic, and 8 per cent. cataract or other troubles which cannot be helped with lenses.

ENJOYABLE SOCIABLE.

The graduates and students of the New England Business University enjoyed a sociable at the university rooms last evening. Mr. A. W. Young, the proprietor of the school looked after the enjoyment of guests and there were committees, as follows: General entertainment, Mr. Miller, chairman; Misses McNairn, Fox, and Archibald, and Mr. H. W. Tewksbury; reception committee, Mr. Wyman, chairman; Miss Wright, Messrs. Thissell, Kennedy and Tewksbury; refreshment committee, Mr. A. W. Young, chairman; Misses McNairn, McGauvran, Hood, and Tarte.

Among those taking part in the program were Miss Nason and Miss Hight, pianists; Miss Bothwell, recitations; Miss Fox, songs; and others.

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For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 661 Middlesex street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Fifth Street Baptist church held its annual meeting last night. Reports were received and then the following officers were elected:

Mr. Henry C. Miller was re-elected clerk; Deacon Luther C. Stiles was re-elected treasurer. Auditors, Mr C. W. Nevers, Mr. Alex. Leggett. Standing committee, pastor, deacons, clerk, ex-officio, Mr. R. B. Thomas, Mr. Jno. H. Brown, Mr. Levi L. Hall, Mr. C. E. Thissell, and Mr. J. W. Collins.

Mr. Roscoe B. Thomas was for the seventh time chosen superintendent of the Bible school; assistant superintendent, Melvin Eames; secretary, Harry Leighton.

Mr. James B. Gilman was re-elected superintend of the Hildreth mission with Mr. M. M. Lord as assistant. Mr. Milo Dudley was chosen secretary.

We have been appointed assignees for the firm of Bray and Holmes, and shall sell by public auction at C. F. Keyes' commission rooms, old Boston & Maine station, Green street, Jan. 1, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., 12 tons of baled hay and about 3 tons of straw to the highest bidders for cash.

(Signed) Burnham & Davis, Assignees.

Are you sure that you're using the right thing for washing? If the work is slow and hard, and you have to depend upon rubbing, then you ought to get something else. And even if you have something that saves work, it may be bad for the clothes. You may be ruining them.

Pearline gives the easiest, quickest, most economical washing, of anything that's safe to use. The more you investigate, and inquire and compare, the surer you'll be that Pearline is the only right thing to wash with.

Send it Back Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—Pearline is never peddled and if your grocer sends you something in place of Pearline, be honest—*send it back.* JAMES PYLE, New York.

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Our entire line of High Grade Foreign and Domestic Weaves in Novelties and Plain Goods, Scotch Mixtures and Plaids reduced to about one half their original prices.

Silks for linings, Waists, Skirts and Dresses are almost given away.

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Sale Commences Friday Morning.

Now Gentlemen Is Your Chance.

98c. worth $1.60—Men's fine all wool worsted black clay vests—all sizes.

$3.49, worth $7.00—Men's all wool dark invisible plaid cheviot suits, made full shoulder facings.

$3.48, worth $7.00—Men's blue or black cheviot suits, heavy weight.

$3.98, worth $8.00—Heavy dark plaid, all wool cheviot, men's double breasted sack suits, made with full shoulder facings.

$4.95, worth $9.00—Several styles of men's heavy all wool cheviot, single breasted sack suits in combinations of brown and green mixture.

$5.48—For gentlemen, fine Oxford gray tricot lawn, all wool cassimere men's sack suits—A great bargain.

$5.98, worth $9.00—Dark brown and green mixed nigger head cheviot men's sack suits—very nobby.

$5.98, worth $8.00—All wool black clay worsted men's suits—a rare bargain.

$6.93, worth $10.00—Extra heavy fine all wool worsted black clay men's suits—very dressy.

$7.55, worth $12.00—Heavy wide wale blue, fine all wool worsted sack suits, —made with full shoulder facings.

$7.95 worth $12.00—Extra heavy brown clay worsted men's sack suits—very genteel and neat.

$7.95, worth $12.00—Heavy blue and red mixed plaid Scotch cheviot men's suits—very nobby.

$9.95 worth $15.00—Fancy broken plaid worsted men's suits—full shoulder facings and satin piped.

$9.95, worth $16.00—Heavy (2203) fine black all wool clay worsted men's suits—satin piped—a great bargain.

$11.95, worth $18.00—Dark brown plaid fine Scotch cheviot, men's suits, full facings and satin piped.

Men's Overcoats Deep and Sweeping Reductions.

$3.49, worth $6.00—Men's blue or black beaver overcoats well finished and good fitters.

$5.95, worth $10.00—Fine black kersey overcoats—latest cut—full shoulder facings.

$7.95, worth $13.00—Very fine wool black kersey overcoats, satin piped, and full shoulder facings.

$9.95, worth $15.00—Genuine Middlesex mills fine black kersey overcoats, raw edge and excellently trimmed.

The Middlesex mills have recently advanced 40 per cent. the price of this kersey.

$9.95, marked down from $15.00—Fine brown kersey, raw edge box overcoats, satin shoulders, full facings, and satin piped—an extremely nobby top coat.

$10.95, down from $15.00—Nobby patch pocket light brown Bedford cord overcoats. Latest of the season.

$11.95, down from $25.00—Gentlemen's extra fine olive brown kersey overcoats medium length, raw edge, satin piped, Skinner's satin sleeve linings—a very dressy garment.

$14.95, worth $22.00—Gentlemen's fine extra heavy covert cloth ribbed overcoats, satin shoulder linings. The dressiest garment of the season.

$11.95, down from $25.00—A superfine black kersey overcoat, correct length, satin piped and satin shoulder, nobby plaid lining, a very dressy garment.

$7.95, worth $13.00—Heavy light brown Melton box overcoats, large seams, satin shoulder, and sleeve lining.

$5.95, down from $10.00—Men's fine drab kersey overcoats, handsomely finished.

Boys' Ulsters Prices That None Can Match.

$1.98, marked down from $3.54 and $5—Odds and ends of Boys' Ulsters, of brown, gray, Oxford, and Scotch plaid, cassimere. Sizes, 4 to 15 years.

$2.98, marked down from $4, $5, and $6—Boys' Ulsters in heavy Oxford and black Melton, blue chinchilla and fancy plaid frieze.

$3.98, from $7.00—Boys' Ulsters in plain black or brown plaid frieze, blue chinchilla, and heavy fancy Scotch cheviots.

$4.98 from $8.00—Boys' Ulsters in extra heavy wool lined. Extra warm garment.

$5.98 from $10.00—Boys' Irish Frieze Ulsters in Oxford gray or brown. Fancy wool lining.

Men's Ulsters

$1.98, worth $7.00—Men's extra heavy Oxford gray Ulsters, heavy warm lining, cut extra long.

$5.98, worth $10.00—Men's extra heavy black frieze Ulsters, an extra warm garment.

$14.95, worth $25.00—Superfine black Melton men's Ulsters, tailor made handsomely lined and finished.

Children's Reefers

$1.50, worth $2.50—Children's blue Chinchilla Reefer, brass buttons, warmly lined.

$2.00, worth $3.00—Child's heavy Chinchilla Reefer, pearl buttons.

$8.00 worth $1.00—Child's Reefer, pearl buttons, braided handsomely.

Children's Suits from 79 cents upwards.

Men's Pants. What a Slaughter! but we must make the Sacrifice.

98c., worth 2.00—Men's heavy all wool gray cassimere pants, also dark brown union cassimere and black cheviot cassimere—the greatest bargain ever offered.

$1.49, worth $2.50—Men's heavy all wool cheviot pants, in a dozen different shades and styles. Never have such values been offered for this price.

$1.95, worth $3.50—Men's fancy black worsted striped all wool worsted pants—very dressy.

$1.98, worth $3.50—1500 pairs of pantaloons in fancy worsted fancy Scotch cheviot, fancy brown plaid cassimeres. The greatest bargain ever offered. These goods will never again be sold at this price—owing to the great advance in the price of raw wool.

$2.49, worth $1.00—5 styles of Men's pants in fancy cassimeres and fancy worsted.

$2.98, worth $5.00—20 styles of men's pants in fine heavy silk mixed cassimere. Scotch cheviot plaid, black fancy all wool worsteds, etc.

16c. a pair for gray satinet pants—sizes from 4 to 14 years.

23c., worth 45c., for double seat and double knee gray union cassimere pants—all sizes.

50c., worth 75c.—Boys' all wool cheviot knee pants—in different styles.

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